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U.S. AGREES TO EARLY WAR DEBT CONFERENCE WITH BRITAIN

LEAGUE'S FUTURE ACTION

Lytton Report Forms Basis Of Policy.

JAPAN MUST REPLY WITHIN 24 HOURS.

Geneva, To-day.
The Committee of Nineteen has decided to give Japan what is virtually a 24 hours ultimatum to accept or reject the Committee's suggestion.
The Japanese delegates had not directly replied to the proposal to-day, but had submitted minor modifications which were not even discussed.

The Committee then considered what course they would adopt in the event of an unfavourable reply from Japan and it is understood, on the suggestion of Captain Antony Eden (Great Britain) that a sub-committee be appointed to consider the question of a draft report under Paragraph 4, Article 15 of the League Covenant.
It was gathered the report would be based on the endorsement of the Lytton Report.—Reuter.

Japanese Replies.

London, To-day.
A further meeting of the League Assembly Committee of Nineteen on the Manchuria dispute under the presidency of 'Monsieur Paul Hymans, was held yesterday evening to hear the Japanese reply to the Committee's enquiry as to whether, if the Japanese demand for exclusion from the Conciliation Commission of the two non-member States, Soviet Russia and the United States, were conceded, Japan would accept the other clauses which included declarations that the provisions of the Covenant of the League, the Kellogg Pact and the Nine Power Treaty must be respected.

Also that a Conciliation Commission should be set up to conduct, in conjunction with the parties to the dispute, negotiations for a settlement on the basis of the principles laid down in Chapter Nine of the Lytton Report, and having regard to the suggestions contained in Chapter ten.

And that neither a mere return to the status quo in Manchuria, nor the maintenance and recognition of the present regime there, would provide a durable solution.

New Proposals.
According to press reports from Geneva, the Japanese delegation yesterday received fresh instructions and their suggested amendments of the resolution include proposals:

- (1) That the Committee of Conciliation consist of only five to seven members.
 - (2) That the Committee should not intervene directly in the Sino-Japanese conversations but simply give assistance when necessary.
 - (3) That all reference to the non-recognition of Manchukuo be excluded from both the speech of M. Hymans and from the resolution.
 - (4) That non-members of the League could be invited to take part in the Committee's deliberations provided that the first three points are accepted.
- After a long session, the Committee of Nineteen adjourned discussion until this afternoon.—British Wireless Service.

JEHOL STRONGLY DEFENDED FOR POSSIBLE ATTACK.

General Tang Determined To Resist Japanese.

Nanking, To-day.
An important official, on his arrival from Jehol, declares that the Province is strongly defended against any possible attack by the Japanese, and adds that General Tang Yu-lin is very determined to resist.—Reuter.

UNOFFICIALS RE-APPOINTED

Volunteer Promotions Gazetted.

NEW AUSTRIAN CONSUL.

The Hon. Mr. Jose Pedro Braga, J.P., and the Hon. Mr. Ts'o Seen-wan, O.B.E., I.L.D., have been appointed Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council for a further period of four years, with effect from January 17.
The appointments are gazetted in the "Government Gazette" to-day.

The resumption of Dr. W. B. A. Moore as Deputy Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and his appointment to be Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths, is also notified.
The name of Dr. Lois Todd, M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong), has been added to the list of Medical practitioners in the Colony.
(Continued on Page 14.)

ABOLITION OF IRISH SENATE URGED.

Mr. De Valera Proposes Drastic Reforms.

Dublin, To-day.
The abolition of the Senate as at present constituted, or the reduction of a considerable number of the members, is proposed in a manifesto issued by President Eamon De Valera.
He also urges that a substantial reduction in the number of deputies in the Dail be carried out after the next general election and the introduction of a Bill at the next session providing for unified control of railway and road transport.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ACTOR IN SINGER STRIKE.

Compulsory Mediation Ordered.

Yokohama, To-day.
According to Japanese information, the authorities have no intention of giving special police protection, other than that accorded to Japanese firms, to the Singer Sewing Machine Company, whose clerks and salesmen, totalling over 1,000 have been on strike for six months.

In view, however, of the clash between the strikers and strike-breakers in the Company's headquarters on January 18, the police have decided to make compulsory mediation in the Company's labour dispute.—Reuter.

NEW CIVIL HOSPITAL.

Tenders Invited For Site Formation.

Construction work on the new Government Civil Hospital will be commenced shortly.
A notification appearing in the Government Gazette to-day, states that tenders for site formation of the new Government Civil Hospital will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until noon on February 6.



Many Members of Parliament have received a copy of the "Moscow Daily News," a Bolshevik journal in English, but printed and published in Russia, which included a letter dated from London and signed "Marley," the signature of Lord Marley, the Labour peer who admits the authorship. Lord Marley.—(S. & G.)

Reds Active In Kiangsi

Chiang Kai-shek Asked To Direct Campaign.

Nanking, To-day.
A representative of the Kiangsi Provincial Government arrived to-day on a visit to General Chiang Kai-shek, and expressed the desire of the provincial commanders that the Generalissimo would proceed to Kiangsi to direct the last phase of the anti-Red campaign.
The representative expressed confidence that the beleaguered Red forces would soon surrender.—Reuter.

WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

Sir John Simon To Head Meeting.

London, To-day.
The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, will probably return to Geneva on Tuesday and will preside at the meeting of the Organising Committee of the World Economic Conference on Wednesday.
It will be the duty of this Committee to determine dates and make other arrangements for the Conference for which the annotated agenda was completed yesterday by the Preparatory Committee of Experts.—British Wireless Service.

SUPREME COURT HOLIDAY AT NEW YEAR.

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., during the Chinese New Year vacation, except on general and public holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed, and on Saturday, when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, subject however, to the provisions of section 5 of the Supreme Court (Vacations) Ordinance, 1898, so far as it relates to the criminal sessions.
The Chinese New Year vacation will commence on the January 28, and terminate on January 30, (both days inclusive).

AMERICAN POLICY IMPROVES

ROOSEVELT WILL OPEN NEGOTIATIONS

WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED

AN EARLY WAR DEBT DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BY PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER AND MR. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT-ELECT.

Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State, has been instructed to initiate negotiations with Great Britain without delay and to arrange for a Conference with British representatives early in March. The discussions will not, however, take place until after the new President takes office on March 4.

A statement issued from the White House adds that the Conference will also include discussions on economic problems, and "Ways and means of improving the world situation." — Reuter.

A Mutual Interest.

London, Yesterday.

A communique issued at the White House, Washington, yesterday afternoon, states that the Conference yesterday, following between President Hoover and the President-elect, Mr. Roosevelt, was devoted mainly to a canvass of the foreign situation. The following statement was agreed upon:
"The British Government has asked for a discussion on her war debt. The incoming administration will be glad to receive their representatives early in March for this purpose.

"It is, of course, necessary to discuss at the same time, the world's economic problems, in which the United States and Britain are mutually interested, and therefore representatives should also be sent to discuss ways and means of improving the world situation."

It was settled that these arrangements will be taken up by the Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Stimson, with the British Government. — British Wireless Service.

Laval Doubts Hoover Denial.

IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE, SAYS FORMER PREMIER.

Paris.
Former Premier Pierre Laval declared that it was "impossible to believe the declaration attributed to President Hoover" in a dispatch from Washington relating to the duration of the moratorium on European debts to the United States.

The Washington dispatch said that President Hoover had denied Laval's statement that Hoover agreed to extension of the moratorium for the duration of the economic crisis.
Laval said he would put an end to the different interpretations if it was judged necessary.
The former French premier said he was often quoted during the controversy by the American and French press on debts, but articles published regarding his conversations with Hoover not submitted to him result in confusion and errors.



President Hoover.

FIRMER LONDON MARKETS

Wall Street Slightly Stronger.

SLIGHT UPWARD TREND.

London, To-day.
The London Stock Markets are generally firm, but interest is still chiefly centred upon Kaffirs, reports Messrs. Swan, Calbertson and Fritz.—Reuter.

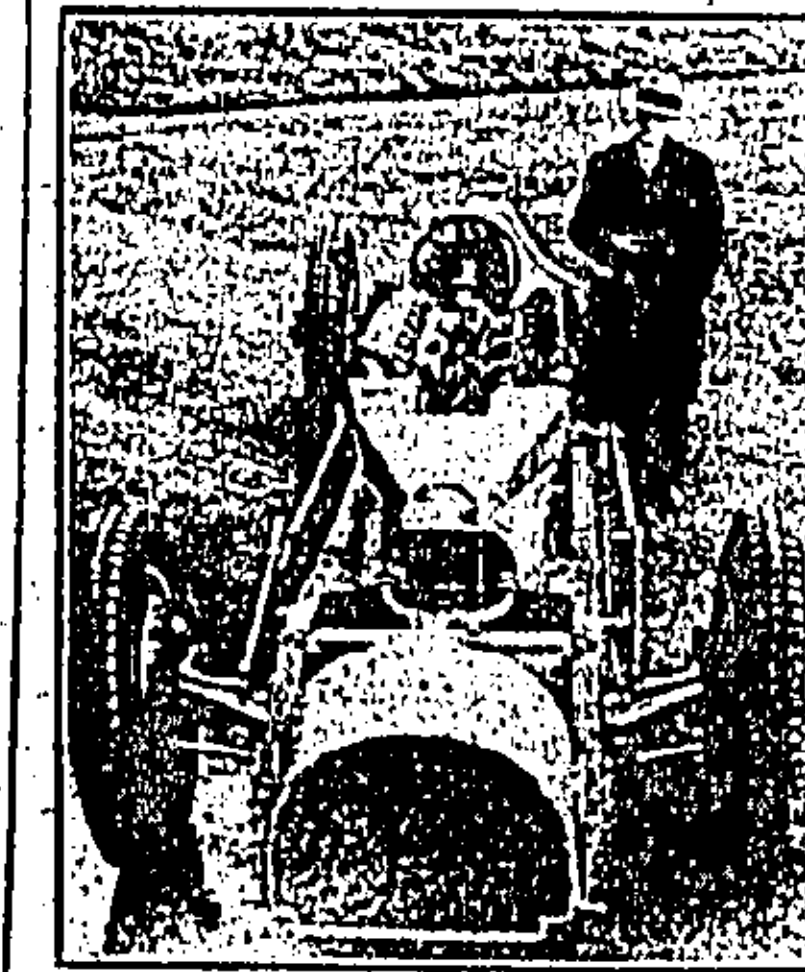
New York, To-day.
The New York Market is slightly stronger, according to the daily report issued by Messrs. E. A. Pierce & Co. The report adds that the market is still inconclusive, with no positions advocated.

Industrials, rails, utilities continued on the upward trend, while bonds, which declined .05 yesterday, rose .28.
Average business was done, only 710,000 shares changing hands.—Reuter.

DOLLAR REMAINS STEADY.

Forward Silver Declines.

The local dollar remained steady, being quoted at 1/8 3/4 this morning.
Spot silver also remained steady, being given at 16-15/16 this morning, while forward silver declined 1/16 to 16-15/16.
The London on New York cross rate opened this morning at 2-63.84, as compared with 2-63.34 yesterday, while the New York on London rate is quoted at 2-63.35 to-day as against 2-63.34 yesterday.



Sir Malcolm Campbell inspects his new Bluebird car chassis at Brooklands track, Surrey. A special Rolls-Royce engine has been installed which gives off approximately 2,500 h.p.—(S. & G.)

CAPT. HOPE ABANDONS AIR SEARCH

Bad Weather Stops Rescue Efforts.

LITTLE HOPE FELT FOR HINKLER.

Lausanne, To-day.
After a week of searching for Squadron Leader Bert Hinkler in the Swiss Alps, Captain W. L. Hope has decided to abandon his efforts owing to the adverse weather conditions. He will return to-morrow.
During his search in the Simplon Valley yesterday Captain Hope and his observer landed and continued their search on foot.

Squadron Leader Hinkler, who was attempting to establish a new record for the England-Australia flight, has now been missing for 14 days.—Reuter.
Fears entertained in some quarters for the safety of Captain Hope and his assistant pilot, Mr. Healey, who were making a search in the Alps for the missing aviator, Squadron Leader Hinkler, were dispelled yesterday.
The airmen returned to Vevey yesterday afternoon. They had spent the night on Diablerets, having made a perfect landing in a field in order to proceed on foot to examine an object which from the air was mistaken for a derelict aeroplane.—British Wireless Service.

SHING MUN VALLEY GORGE DAM.

Construction Of Concrete Tracks.

Tenders for the excavation for, and laying of, two concrete tracks for lorries along Access Road, from the Tuen Wan Police Station to Pineapple Pass, in connection with the construction of the Shing Mun Valley Gorge Dam, are being invited by the Government.

Tenders will be received by Mr. G. S. Gifford, Resident Engineer, at the Peninsula Hotel until noon on Monday, January 30.

Tenders for the supply of 10,000 four-inch and 10,000 six-inch agricultural drain pipes are also invited by the Government.

MANCHUKUO ENVOY TO JAPAN.

Changchun, To-day.
The Manchukuo Government have decided to appoint Mr. Ting Chien-hen, who is at present Minister of Communications, to be Minister to Japan.
The appointment is subject to Japanese agreement.—Reuter.

BRITISH FREIGHTER IN DISTRESS

S.S. Exeter City Helpless In Mid-Atlantic.

FOUR MEN OVERBOARD.

American Liner Stands By.

London, To-day.
Badly battered by mountainous seas, and with her Captain and three members of the crew lost overboard, the British freighter, Exeter City, is rolling helplessly in mid-Atlantic.

The United States liner, American Merchant, is standing by to take off the remainder of the crew, but at present the heavy seas have rendered all attempts at rescue abortive.

Meanwhile, the distressed vessel is being pounded mercilessly and unless the storm abates quickly it is feared that there will be little hope of saving the ship.

Hopes are, however, entertained that the survivors will be taken off to-day.

The American Merchant is in constant touch with the British wireless stations and it is through this vessel that the tragedy became known.—British Wireless Service.
The Exeter City is a vessel of 2,969 tons gross owned by the Bristol City Line of Steamships, Ltd. She was built in 1902.
When launched from the yards of Messrs. J. Redhead and Sons, at South Shields, she was named Menevian. Her overall length is 321.1 feet, her breadth 43.2 feet and her draught 14.7 feet.

LOCAL POLICE TRANSFERS.

Officers Going On Home Leave.

Detective-Sergeant D. C. W. Fitches, who figured prominently in the arrest of Zimmer and Christie and in subsequent investigations in the Cheng Kwok-yau case, will be transferred from the C.I.D. Central Police Station, to the Wapchoi Police Station, on Thursday next.

He is taking the place of Detective-Sergeant J. Kennedy who is proceeding on home leave on Saturday next per the P. & O. s.s. Carthage.

Other officers departing by the same liner are Detective-Sergeant W. E. Meadows, of Yau-mat, Sergeant A. J. Bradwell, officer-in-charge of Stanley Police Station, and Sergeant Slater.

TENNIS DRAW.

Barrow To Meet The Holder.

FINCHER v. OWEN HUGHES.

The draw for the Colony Lawn Tennis Championships was made at the Hong Kong Cricket Club last night.
The following brief list shows how the leading players have fared in the draw:

S. A. Rumjahn (holder) v. J. Barrow.
E. C. Fincher (runner-up) v. H. Owen Hughes.
Ho Ka-lai v. Tsui Yan-pui.
J. W. Leonard v. Firdos Khan.
L. Goldman v. S. A. Gray.
Yew Man-Kit v. C. Lai.
H. P. Rumjahn v. A. E. P. Guest.
S. E. Green v. H. S. Doggett.
Lai Kwang-tsun, Tsui Wai-pui and Ng Si-kyong drew byes.



The Woman's Page



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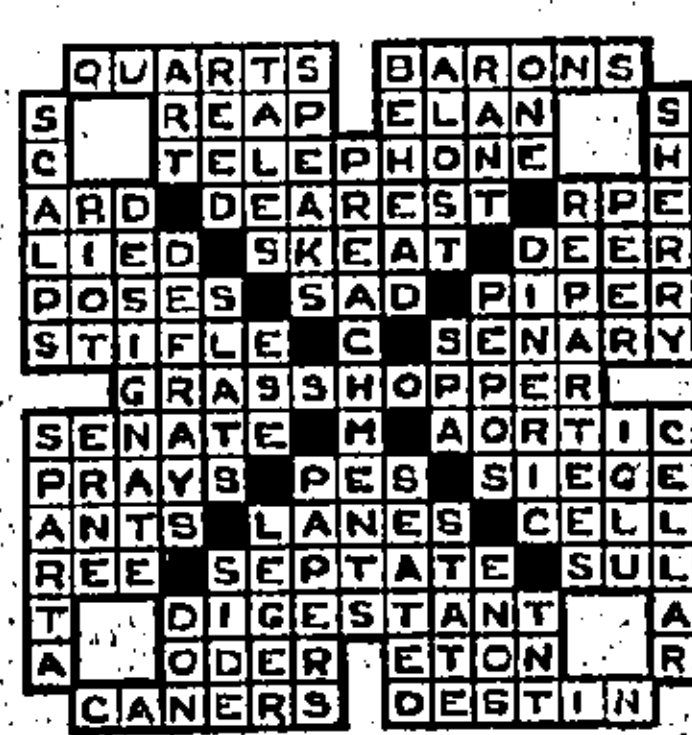
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FASHIONS FOR THE CHILDREN.

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Fashions for children are exceptionally charming this season. Though there is a tendency for them to follow the lines of the grown-up fashions, the styles do not detract from the simple designs that are typical of small people's clothes.

They are all definitely practical and sensible garments.

Most schoolchildren wear the regulation blue slip and white blouse, but once out of school the growing girl is anxious to discard these for something more interesting.

It gives a much more finished appearance if there is a small cap to match made in quarters of the material and the turn-up brim edged with a band of the same narrow fur.

Small children always look attractive in knitted clothes. These garments can now be easily procured in Hong Kong, and made to order. At the present time our shops are showing wonderful bargains in this type of garment, and as a change from school dress, it is ideal. It is easily slipped on, and warm for house wear.

For outdoor wear, one can now have made berets and scarves to



match, and with the winter coats these are very smart. One can order in any colour or combination of colours, and by this means warmth, smartness, and suitable childish simplicity are all acquired at once.

Growing children need warmth as much as good food, and yet one would wisely avoid overclothing, so that the present day woollies for young people are a particularly happy choice.

For smart afternoon or party frocks, velvet is good, and some decidedly chic little gowns have been noted in this material at the children's social gatherings this season. Little girls like velvet, for it satisfies their desire for something really "swell," and yet accords with their mothers' ideas of practical service too.

Now is a good time to think of next autumn's coat for the young miss, and some of the piece goods being sold at such tremendous reductions are worth buying to store.



MENU SUGGESTIONS FOR TO-MORROW.

Tiffin.
Fried Cabbage and Rice
Larded Beef
Flaked Potatoes
Baked Custard, Filipino Style

Dinner.
Tomato Bouillon
Scalloped Oysters
Ham and Cracker Loaf
Sweet Potato Pie
Fried Cabbage and Rice.

Fry a large Chinese green cabbage in lard or chicken fat, season with pepper and salt, and remains of cold ham (diced) then add 2 or 3 cupfuls of hot boiled rice. Mix and stir well on top of hot plate, and serve very hot. It is a very good accompaniment to cold meat and is very economical as the remains of either cold sausage, bacon, pork, chicken or smoked tongue can be used as well as remains of cold rice. It is best to cut the cabbage quite small before frying.

Larded Beef.
Three lb. round steak, ½ lb. pork fat, 1 cup vinegar, 8 cloves, 2 cups beef stock, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, 1 tablespoon salt, 1 teaspoon paprika, pinch of pepper. Clean and wash the meat, cut several incisions through the thickness of beef and insert in them the previously cut in long and narrow strips of fat of pork. Put in a stewing pan and put in the stock, sugar, vinegar and spices. Give it one hard boiling, then lower the heat to simmering point and simmer until meat is tender. Strain sauce over meat and slice before serving.

Ham and Cracker Loaf.
Pass 2 lb. of lean fresh pork and 2 lb. of lean smoked ham through a mincer. Roll soda crackers to medium fine crumbs; there should be about 1 cup, add to first mixture. Add 2 eggs beaten until thick and lemon coloured. Mix thoroughly, adding gradually 1 cup milk. Season to taste with pepper and salt if needed. Pack firmly into a brick shaped bread pan and bake 1½ hours in a moderate oven. Pour off superfluous fat and remove to serving dish, return to the oven for a few minutes to dry off. Serve hot or cold. Garnish with parsley, and pass horse radish sauce.

Filipino Style Bake Custard.
6 yolks of eggs, 2 cups milk, ¼ cup sugar, ½ cup brown sugar. Make a heavy syrup out of the brown sugar and with it line the mould in which the custard is to be baked. Scald milk and cool it off. Beat the yolk of eggs slightly and add to it the milk and sugar. Stir well in order to have the mixture well blended. Pour it in the syrup lined mould and bake until firm.

NEW YEAR MARKET OPENS.

Sincere's Roof Garden As New Venue.

With the approach of the Chinese New Year, the annual and customary excitement prevails throughout the streets of Hong Kong. Coloured lights, crackers, and the crowds of people testify that this year's festivities will be observed in the usual manner.

Already many stall holders are gathered at Wanchai, and the more fortunate ones at the Roof Garden of the Sincere Company, Ltd.

There are indications that this year will be even more successful than last. Many have taken advantage of the opportunity to display their wares under cover.

Chinese pottery, woven tapestries and the many novelties common at this season are being sold. Pots of flowers and all manner of ferns and shrubs are finding their way to the Roof Garden.

The Roof Garden of Sincere's will remain open till 12 p.m. daily to enable the stall holders to sell their goods.



PERSONAL MOTIFS ON CLOTHES.

Preventing Laundry Losses.

"The laundry has not lost a single garment since I took to embroidering everything with the swastika which I have adopted as my motif," a friend informed me. And she drew from her bag a dainty handkerchief with the age-old sign neatly stitched in creamy thread on the maize-yellow ground, writes the Malay Mail fashion correspondent.

The same little motif is worked on everything she wears, and appears also on her note paper. It takes the place of a bookplate, being impressed by a rubber stamp by the side of her name inside her books. Thus it has become associated with her and her belongings in the minds of all who know her. Transfers of attractive designs in such motifs are now being sold for the modest sum of two pence a set, and their size of two inches square is sufficiently small to make the work of embroidering quite easy. A sailing boat or an aeroplane calls for no more than mere outlining in leaf-stitch, and either is excellent for the purpose of inducing little girls to take an interest in embroidery. Other motifs, such as a tiny crinolined lady and a beribboned spaniel, look best when the details are accentuated with slightly more elaborate stitches.



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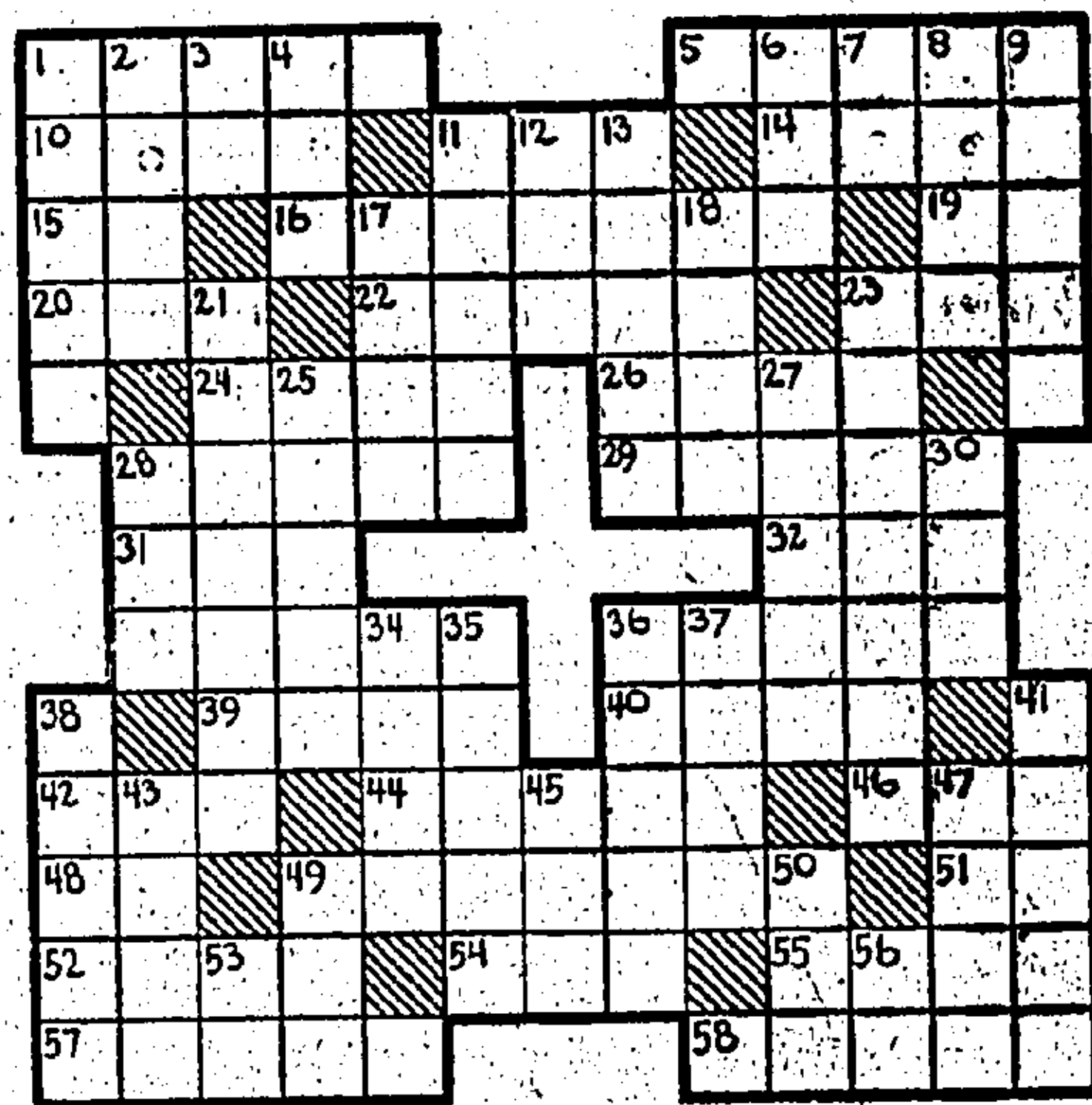
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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Fences of stone | 46-June-bug | 12-B. W. State of U. S. (abbr.) |
| 5-A liquid measure (pl.) | 48-Conjunction | 13-Hood |
| 10-Melody | 49-Scatters | 17-Indigent |
| 11-A dance | 51-Act | 18-Goon |
| 14-Trim | 52-Wan | 21-Stretched |
| 15-Musical note | 54-Series (abbr.) | 22-Spotted |
| 16-Native of Sparta | 55-In a row | 23-A slip |
| 19-The (Fr.) | 57-Grooves | 27-Fur-bearing animal |
| 20-Small rug | 58-Chief actors | 28-Julep of plants |
| 22-A vegetable | | 30-Doctor of Political Science (Lat. abbr.) |
| 23-Look | VERTICAL | 34-On the summit |
| 24-English school | 1-Heads | 35-Dens |
| 26-Lodge | 2-Surface | 36-Javelin |
| 28-A trap | 3-Fifty-one (Roman) | 37-Solid |
| 29-Penetrates | 4-Lord Advocate of Scotland (abbr.) | 38-Splile |
| 31-Farm animal | 5-Tavern | 41-A bird (pl.) |
| 32-Knock | 7-Point of compass (abbr.) | 42-Verbal |
| 33-Part of a flower | 8-Story | 43-The shortened side |
| 34-A fragment of pottery | 9-A metal | 44-Perfume |
| 39-A bristle (Bot.) | 11-A fine velvet | 45-Series |
| 40-To remove the skin | | 46-Perched |
| 42-Portion | | 47-Behold |
| 44-A vessel for transporting oil | | 48-Egyptian sun-god |

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue.

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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Orders issued by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Com-
manding H.K.V.D.C.:

Hong Kong, Jan. 20, 1933.

PARADES

Battery.

There will be a parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Tuesday, January 24 for every Member.

There will be no parade on Thursday, January 26 owing to Chinese New Year Holiday.

Camp will be held at Tai Lam from February 3 to 5. Every Member must attend. Full details will be issued later. (repeated).

Engineer Company.

Monday, January 23, Miniature Range.

There will be no D.L. Instruction on January 26 on account of Chinese New Year.

Members proceeding to Camp on February 17 to 19 are requested to send in their names to O.C. Company as soon as possible.

February 5. Classification at Stonecutters.

Corps Signals

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24.

Armoured Car Section

The following will fire their Revolver Classification at Kennedy Road Range on Monday, 23rd instant. Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Corpl. Ramsay

L/Corpl. Moutrie

L/Corpl. Burch

Pte. Edwards.

There will be Parade for the remainder of the Section.

The Armoured Car Section Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 11, 1933 at Volunteer Headquarters.

Machine Gun Company.

There will be no parades during the Chinese New Year Holidays.

I.E.—On Friday, January 27.

Machine Gun Competition.—Details will be issued separately.

Company Rifle Club.—The next meeting will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, February 5 at 9 a.m. Range Officer—Lieut. V. C. Branson, M.C.

A.A.L.A. Company.

As from date, and until further orders, Section, Drills will be discontinued and Members of the Company who have not yet completed the necessary number of drill for proficiency will parade, for combined instruction at Volunteer Headquarters every Monday at 5.30 p.m.

Portuguese Company.

Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24. Details will be found in the Appendix.

Company Orderly Officer for the week ending Sunday, January 29.—Lieut. J. V. Remedios.

Lewis Gun.—Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of Categories "A" & "B" will fire Part 7, Practices T33 & T34 at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, January 29. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40 a.m. Range Officer—Lieut. J. S. Rodrigues.

Revolver.—On the same date facilities for Revolver Instruction by a Regular N.C.O. will be available at Stonecutters for Officers, N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of the Lewis Gun Sections.

Markman's Badge.—The qualification score for a Markman's Badge in connection with Part III Musketry is now 80. 70 constitutes a first class shot. The following qualified as Marksmen on Sunday, January 15—

Lieut. H. J. Silva 80
C.S.M. M. P. Baptista ... 86
Sergt. F. P. Sequeira 81
Corpl. F. F. Cruz 82
L/Cpl. M. M. de V. Soares ... 90
Pte. A. M. B. Rocha 82

Categories.—Platoon Commanders should see that Category "D" men understand that they must not attend at Stonecutters until definite orders are given for them to do so.

The following N.C.O. and men are transferred to Category "B" for Lewis Gun training:—

No. 9 Platoon Pte. E. M. Marques and Pte. H. L. Rocha.

No. 11 Platoon, L/Cpl. J. F. Guerretro.

Appendix To Above.

Parade—Tuesday, January 24, 1933—5.30 p.m.

Category: All Officers N.C.O.'s and Men including Recruits. Lesson: By Section—Area drill including:—Arms Order, Present, Fix Bayonets, By Platoon.

Marching, in line, in file in fours, left and right form. Forming Platoon on a flank from file and fours. As a Company—

Marching in fours, in line. Location & Instructors: Headquarters.

Parade Ground All Officers & N.C.O.'s 4 Regular Instructors. Kit required: Rifles & Bayonets, Belt & Frog.

Officers and N.C.O.'s to be practised in giving words of Command and detailing instruction on the above points to their men.

In preparation for this read I.T. Vol. 1 1926 pages 46-51.

All the above points will be found in I.T. Vol. 1 1926 Chapters 11 and 111.

Anzac Company.

Machine Gun Competition.—Train leaves Kowloon Railway Station for Fanling at 10.12 a.m. on Sunday, January 22. All those participating in the competition are requested to be at the station in time to catch this train.

Dress:—Field service caps, K. D. Jackets, Shorts Puttees, Hose-tops, Black Boots, Belts, Pouches, Braces and Haversacks. Each man must bring his own rations.

The Company will parade in full strength at Headquarters on Monday, January 23 at 5.30 p.m. for rifle instruction under C.S.M. E. R. Jenkins.

The Officers Commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their Orders separately to their commands:—

1.—Corps Band.
2.—Machine Gun Troop.
3.—Motor Machine Gun Section.
4.—Scottish Company.

General Holidays.

Corps Headquarters will be closed for Chinese New Year Holidays on January 26 and 27, 1933 except for business of an urgent nature.

Corps Orders.

No Corps Orders will be issued on Friday, January 26, 1933.

Reversion.

No. 1523 A/C.Q.M.S. A. C. Beck reverts to Lance Sergeant and is re-transferred to No. 4 Platoon as from January 6, 1933.

Promotions.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps:—

Lieut. Harry Owen-Hughes, Machine Gun Company, to be Captain with effect from January 8, 1933.

Lieut. Stanley Jarvis, M.C., Portuguese Company, to be Captain with effect from January 10, 1933.

Authority:—C.S.O. 2/198/1933.

Transfer.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following transfer in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps:—

Captain Reginald Robert Davies, Portuguese Company, to be transferred to the Reserve of Officers, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from January 10, 1933.

Authority:—C.S.O. 5/198/1933.

No. 1940 Bdm. D. K. Paul, Corps Band, is transferred to Engineer Company with effect from 20.1.33.

No. 1413 Pte. A. M. Calman, No. 6 Platoon, is transferred to Scottish Reserve with effect from 20.1.33.

Struck Off The Strength.—Having left the Colony.—No. 1800 Tpr. W. D. Denham, Machine Gun Troop, as from 19.1.33.

Leave.

Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes, Machine Gun Company Headquarters, returned from leave on 15.12.32.

No. 1521 Cpl. W. L. E. Miller, Motor Machine Gun Section, returned from leave on 12.1.33.

The following have been granted two weeks' leave from 21.1.33 to 8.2.33:—

Lieut. J. A. R. Selby, M.B., B.Ch. (Edin.), Medical Section.

No. 725 Tpr. G. P. Lammert, Machine Gun Troop.

No. 1566 Pte. J. P. Whitham, Armoured Car Section.

No. 1841 Pte. R. H. Griffiths, Armoured Car Section.

No. 1741 L/Cpl. H. W. Turner, Armoured Car Section.

No. 1745 Pte. W. H. B. Bigg, Armoured Car Section.

No. 1768 Pte. R. I. Cherrill, Armoured Car Section.

No. 1887 Pte. A. P. Hall-Thompson, Armoured Car Section.

No. 1986 Pte. L. H. Bradford, Armoured Car Section.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

12.30—European programme of Victor & H.M.V. records.
1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Orchestra by courtesy of the Management (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio).

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, Selection of London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese programme.

7-11.30 p.m.—European programme.
7 p.m.—Selected London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.

7.15-8 p.m.—Gilbert and Sullivan Selections.
The Mikado

Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards B2354.
The Yeomen of the Guard C1807.

Trial by Jury & The Sorcerer Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards C1495.

H.M.S. Pinaford
The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards C1283.

The Gondoliers
The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards C1278.

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
8.3-8.45 p.m.—Variety.

Sea Shanties—
(a) Blow the Man Down
(b) Tom's Gone to Hilo
John Goss and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet B2098.

Selection—
Happy Days
New Mayfair Orchestra C1893.

Organ Solo—
If I Had a Talking Picture
Reginald Foot B3324.

Song—
Cyn' for the Carolines
Gracie Fields (Comedienne) B3463.

Song—
What is This Thing Called Love?
Frank Luther (Tenor) B2330.

Chorus—
Songs of Good Cheer
Light Opera Male Chorus C2151.

Sea Shanties—(a) Lowlands
(b) Highland Laddie
John Goss and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet B2698.

Selection—
Puttin' on the Ritz
New Mayfair Orch. C1893.

Organ Solo—
A Little Kiss Each Morning
Reginald Foot B3324.

Song—
A Cottage for Sale
Gracie Fields (Comedienne) B3463.

The Moon is Low
Frank Luther (Tenor) B2330.

8.45-9.30 p.m.—A Concert.
Vocal Duet—
Blue Skies (Berlin-Kreisler)
Dance of the Maidens
(Friml-Kreisler)

Fritz Kreisler 1233.
Since First I Met Thee
(Watson-Rubinstein)
Songs my Mother Taught Me
(Macfarren-Dvorak)

Rosa Ponselle (Soprano) 1319.
String Bass Solo—
Minuet in G (Bach)
Valse Miniature (Koussevitzky)

Serge Koussevitzky 1476.
Columbine's Garden (Bealy)
Thinkin' of Mary (Bennett)
Walter Glynn (Tenor) B3106.

Piano Solo—
Variations on Themes from Carmen
(Bisot-Horowitz)
Mazurka in G Sharp Minor (Chopin)
Vladimir Horowitz 1827.

The Little Silver Ring (Chamblade)
Song—
Bird Songs at Eventide
(Barrie-Coates)

John McCormack (Tenor) 1808.
Viola Solo—
Gypsy Caprice (Kreisler)
Shepherd's Madrigal (Kreisler)

Fritz Kreisler 6712.
9.30-11.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox Trot—
Lawd, You Made the Night Too Long
Everything Must Have an Ending

22984.
Round my Heart
I Want to Go Home
In a Shanty in Old Shanty Town
Rain, Rain, Go Away!

22972.
Tango—
Jalousie (Jealousy)
O Cara Mia

22928.
Fox Trot—
The Wooden Soldier and the China Doll
Rain on the Roof
Ballin' on the Robert E. Lee
The Sun's in my Heart

22957.
Waltz—
I Believe in You
Fox Trot—
Time Alone Will Tell

22928.
What a Life
Let That be a Lesson to You
Bon Voyage to Your Ship of Dreams
I've Paid for Love

22964.
Live, Laugh and Love
Fox Trot—
Just Once for All Time
With my Sweetie in the Moonlight
I Beg Your Pardon, Mademoiselle

24053.
(Continued from previous column.)
No. 1521 L/Cpl. W. L. E. Miller, Motor Machine Gun Section.

No. 1582 Pte. W. E. Peers, Motor Machine Gun Section.

No. 689 Pte. W. F. Kerr, No. 1 Platoon.

No. 1616 Pte. J. J. Ferguson, No. 7 Platoon.

Strength
The following have been taken on the Strength:—
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M.M. Gun Section, 16.1.33.
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(Sd.) W. H. G. GOATER, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

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The Vice-President-Elect, Speaker John N. Garner, says he is going to break social precedents right and left in the Capital during the next 4 years.

The speaker and Mrs. Garner have agreed to decline all social invitations except the official events at the White House, where, as Vice-President, his presence is required.

During the last session of Congress, Mr. and Mrs. Garner attended but one formal affair and that was the annual dinner given for the Speaker by the President at the White House. They went to two informal affairs, both at the homes of lifelong friends, and attended a meeting of the Texas Society.

In declining the invitations, Speaker Garner told his friends: "If I should go to one I would have to go to all. Mrs. Garner and I have made it a past rule not to accept any social invitations; we prefer carrying on the practice of 'early to bed and early to rise' we began years ago."

Goodnight Vienna
Living in Clover 24084.

Tango—
Bonita
Rumba—
Adios. 22983.

Fox Trot—
If You Were Only Mine
The Night When Love Was Born 24047.

Keepin' Out of Mischief Now
I Know You're Lying, But I Love It 22993.

Waltz—
When the Sun Goes Down on a Little Prairie Town

Fox Trot—
Deep in Your Eyes
Every Time my Heart Beats 22980.

My Lips Want Kisses
Way Down Between Dem Rows
On Revival Day 22970.

Lullaby of the Leaves
Waltz—
The Voice in the Old Village Choir 22995.

10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.
All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

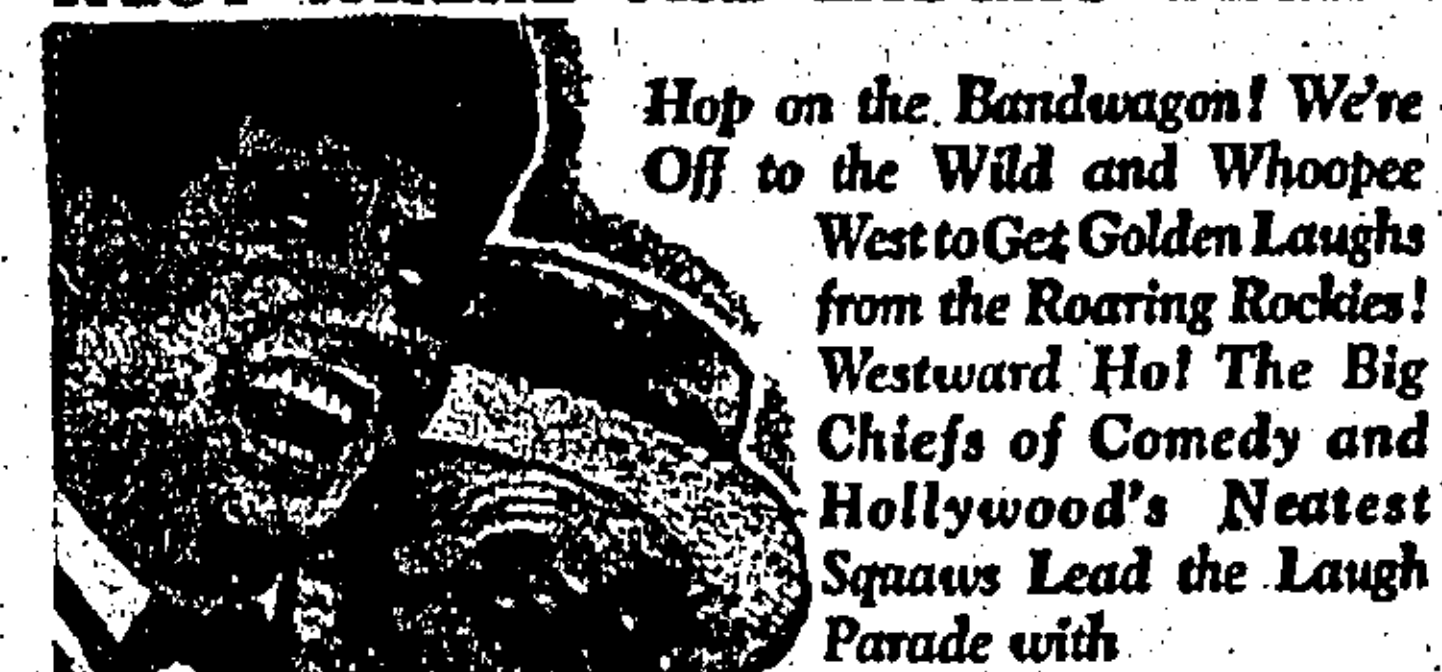
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Thursday, January 26th.
Hong Kong v. Shanghai.

Saturday, January 28th.

Shanghai v. Hong Kong Chinese.

Both matches start at 3 p.m.

Seats in the Members' enclosure in the covered stand may be booked at the Club House on Saturday, 21st January, and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings following at from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

INTERPORT PROGRAMME.

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Saturday, January 28th—

Shanghai v. H.K. Chinese, Club ground.

Monday, January 30th—

Shanghai v. United Services, Kowloon ground.

All matches start at 3 p.m. sharp.

Booking for the 26th and 28th for the covered and uncovered stands will open at Messrs. Anderson on Monday, the 23rd.

Prices:—Covered Stand \$2.30; Uncovered Stand \$1.20.

There will be no booking for the match on the 30th, prices \$1.00 and 50 cents. All above prices include tax.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, January 19th, 1933.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 14th February, 1933, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1932.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 31st January, to TUESDAY, 14th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
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Hong Kong, 20th January, 1933.

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By Order,
B. D. EVANS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, January 21, 1933.

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PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held at Macao on SUNDAY, 5th February, 1933, may be obtained at the Sports Club, Hong Kong Jockey Club Stables, or at the Offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, 6, Des Voeux Road Central.

ENTRIES close at NOON on TUESDAY, 24th January, 1933.

CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK, LIMITED.

In Liquidation.

THE UNDERSIGNED has completed the realisation of the Assets of the Bank and has declared the undivided Dividends to Creditors on dates stated:

First Dividend: 25% payable 15th June, 1932.

Second Dividend: 10% payable 20th December, 1932.

Third Dividend: 3% payable 5th February, 1933.

Final Dividend: 2.2% payable 27th June, 1932.

Notice is hereby given that all Dividends unclaimed by Creditors have been paid into the Companies Liquidation Account, Supreme Court, Hong Kong, and that application for same must henceforth be made to the Official Receiver.

JOHN FLEMING, C.A., Liquidator.

Hong Kong, January 21, 1933.

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TO-NIGHT

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One of the principal characters is the master-mind who constructed and owns the building, wonderfully played by Warren William, and among those who work there are very well drawn by Maureen O'Sullivan, Gregory Ratoff, Norman Foster and Anita Page.

MAIL REVIEW

"BIRD OF PARADISE"—CENTRAL THEATRE.

"Bird of Paradise" now showing at the Central Theatre, is a new and elaborate talkie version of the story made familiar twenty years ago on the stage.

King Vidor produced the film. Dolores del Rio looks dandy decorative, the settings are quite lovely, and the glimpses of native life interesting. Joel McCrea, is the ideal young man for the part of the girl's white lover.

MAIL REVIEW

"LADY AND GENT"—MAJESTIC THEATRE.

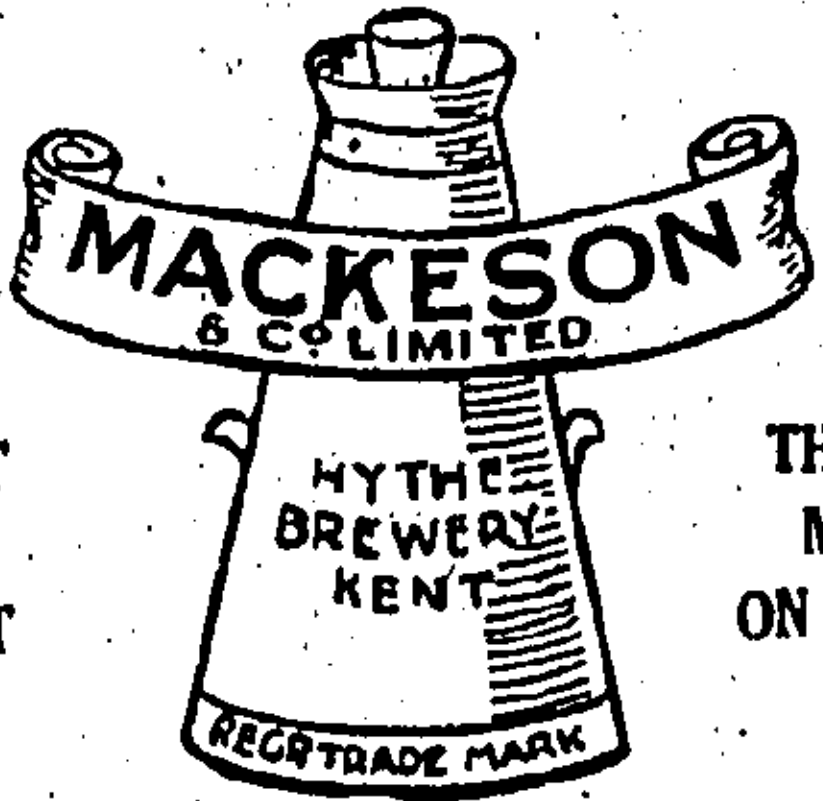
George Bancroft and Wynne Gibson are cast as a couple of self-styled "big timers" who dwell on the shady side of Broadway, in the Paramount production "Lady and Gent" the current attraction at the Majestic Theatre. Charles Starrett, James Gleason, John Wayne and Joyce Compton have other leading roles.

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Mrs. Cheng Yip Shi wishes to express her very sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those members of the public and especially those who have worked so very ardently to get up the petition and made it a success.

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Saturday, Jan. 21, 1933.

British Farming.

The improvement of the conditions of farmers throughout Britain is one of the most urgent and difficult problems facing the National Government and it is encouraging to observe the practical sympathy shown by the Government during recent months. The plight of British agriculture is almost desperate to-day and emergency measures have been necessary—and are still necessary—to save the agricultural industry. The Government is now particularly concerned in preserving one particular branch of farming, the livestock industry, upon which economic disaster has fallen most severely. But until to-day the livestock industry has been left practically untouched. The prices of its products between June and December have fallen by over thirty per cent.; and not only is this fall far greater than is usual during that season of the year, but there is no sign whatever of the usual recovery in prices. The cause of this fall in prices and of its persistence was an unusual abundance of supplies, coming not merely from the usual sources but also from quite new sources abroad; and the Government rightly refused to differentiate between these sources on the ground that, broadly speaking, one pound of any kind of meat competes with one pound of any other kind. It follows that the immediate correction of the level of wholesale meat prices can only be secured by restriction of supplies, though every method of increasing consumption—such as the supply of home-grown meat to the Defence Forces, the improvement of marketing organization, and the improvement of the quality of production—should be included in any general policy. The Government has therefore secured the assent of the Importers of meat from the River Plate to a voluntary and immediate contraction of twenty per cent. in the supplies of mutton and lamb, and of ten per cent. in the supplies of beef. It is necessary to twenty per cent. later—in the supplies of chilled beef. They have every hope of making similar arrangements with importers from Scandinavia and from the Dominions. The plan is extremely drastic and it will be surprising if it does not have the desired effect of raising wholesale prices. The statement that the cause of the distress of the livestock industry is over-abundance of supplies cannot seriously be challenged, and the only possible criticism of the new plan is that restriction could have been better effected by means of a duty on imported meat. Even this criticism, however, will hardly bear any careful examination. In the first place there is no certainty that a duty on any reasonable scale would produce restriction of supplies, or at least the kind of restriction which is necessary. For example, the new plan does not control retail prices and should not affect them. A fall of over thirty per cent. in wholesale prices has hardly been reflected in retail prices at all, and therefore a rise in wholesale prices of the same amount ought not to be reflected in retail prices. But if retail prices do rise unjustifiably, then the answer must be a relaxation of the restriction scheme; in other words, a proper scheme of duties could possibly be elastic in this way. Duties at once begin to raise revenue, and that very fact implies that neither their imposition nor their variation can be a matter only for administrative action by the Departments primarily concerned. In the second place, in the face of abundance of supplies, duties do not necessarily raise wholesale prices at all; and, if they do not, they can hardly be useful to the British farmer. Nor is the fact that foreigners will also profit by the raising of wholesale prices any argument that the British farmer will suffer in the process. In the third place it is not really true that restriction by tariffs is more easily worked; for, thanks to the actual organization of the meat-importing trade, there need be no difficulty in making effective any agreement with it. These considerations do seem conclusive that, in this case, restriction by quota is a better course than restriction by tariff. In any case quotas have clearly been preferred, not for any reason of prejudice on the part of this or that member of the Cabinet, as some suspicious politicians have suggested, but because they appear to be more immediately effective, more flexible, and just as easily worked. They are admittedly experimental, but they are equally experimental, and on balance quotas appear to give British agriculture a more certain chance of holding its own until the World Meat Conference, which is due to assemble early this year. It must be added that neither quotas nor tariffs will excuse the agricultural industry from contributing power to an immediate need.

HERE. THERE and EVERYWHERE

The Happy Warrior.
General Hugh Cholmondeley, whose wife has given birth to a daughter, is probably the fittest and best looking man for his age in England. At eighty his figure is as straight as a ramrod. He has the muscles and arteries of a man half his age.

As a boy he played "Rugger." To-day, he hunts, shoots, and fishes, with a special preference for hunting. Moreover, he rides young horses—essentially a young man's job.

If there were an international Decathlon for men over eighty, we should beat the world, and General Cholmondeley would be one of my first choices for England.

Red Tape Record.

The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry are on their way to India in the transport Dorsetshire. This fact recalls what must be the record example of military "red tape."

During the South African War the need for more infantry became so desperate that a battalion of this distinguished regiment was sent off from India.

They left India fully equipped in khaki and sun helmets. They were sent round by Malta, where they were taken ashore. Their khaki was exchanged for scarlet serge and full dress helmets, simply because that was the War Office routine for troops leaving India.

Arrived at Capetown, they had to wait three weeks at the base while they were being refitted with khaki and helmets!

Your Daily Smile.

LATEST PROBLEM

"Britain will pay her war debts with clenched teeth," asserts an Italian newspaper. But will the Americans accept clenched teeth?

Must Remember That One.

A man fainted in a London post office the other day. Not a bad idea. An assistant brought him a glass of water and before she could escape he asked for a stamp.

DEFINITION.

Tourists are people who travel all over the place to collect snapshots of themselves.

VERSION 237.

Early to bed and early to rise is adarn good maxim—for other guys.

Plying Her Needle.

A film actress says that she repairs her own stockings when they are laddered. Came the darn!

HAVING A FLING

A writer reveals that no clergyman may go to a tavern, hunt, or play cards. It is understood, however, that they may Yo-Yo in the privacy of their own homes.

Facts You Did Not Know.

More than half of the patents in the United States are granted to residents of New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio or California.

So completely is a British passenger steamship protected against fire that each cabin contains a thermostat to signal a warning to the bridge when the temperature rises dangerously.

With a new process, rubber latex is applied by a spray gun to metal utensils and fittings to protect them from self corrosion, the rubber being built up in layers and then vulcanized.

For melting platinum two Swedish scientists have built a copper mirror that focuses the rays from an electric arc to a point where a temperature of more than 3,600 degrees is produced.

to its own economic recovery. Experience in many, but still far too isolated, instances has shown that nothing is so effective in depressing the gap between wholesale and retail prices as action by the farmers themselves. And the readiness of the industry to help itself should certainly be stimulated by the knowledge that there is now clear evidence that the Government are also ready to give an immediate respite to its own economic recovery.

AMERICA DEPENDS ON BETTER PRICES

WORLD PRICES FALL WITH STERLING

BRITAIN'S RECOVERY CRAMPED

(By Leonard J. Reid.)

The course of events since Great Britain left the Gold Standard has brought with it many surprises. The greatest of all is, perhaps, the demonstration that the governing factor in the World Price Level is sterling, and not the currencies of the gold countries.

When the pound was driven from its gold basis, one of the chief anxieties felt by the British authorities was lest our own internal prices should rise to such an extent as to increase seriously the cost of production, and to counteract the advantage to our export trade which was expected to result from the depreciation of our currency.

To alleviate anxiety on this score, the Prime Minister at an early stage stated it to be a main item in the policy of the Government to maintain the internal price-level steady.

Sterling Prices.
For a time internal British prices tended to rise, but the advance never went very far. The reason for this was that the depreciation of the pound was accompanied by a sharp and prolonged fall in World prices.

This meant that the proper relation between British prices and World prices was maintained without any rise in the former. Indeed, so steep has been the decline in World prices in the last month or two that sterling prices have also actually fallen.

So we have had the extraordinary spectacle of this fall in prices coinciding with sharp currency depreciation.

This may be illustrated by a few figures compiled by the "Economist." The maximum rise in sterling prices over the level in force before our departure from the Gold Standard was 10.9 per cent., this degree of advance being recorded on February 24.

On the other hand, between September 18 and February 24, the international price index is recorded as having fallen by 10.4 per cent. The quotation of the sterling-dollar exchange had by February 24 reached \$3.48½, after touching a low level of \$3.23½ on December 8.

More instructive still are the movements of the last fortnight in November of this year. November 16 may be taken roughly as the date when the War Debt question arose in form acute enough to become a major market influence.

Tied to the Pound.
In the fortnight which followed sterling fell from \$3.31½ to \$3.19½, and the international gold commodity price index fell from 82.9 to 77.7 (100 being taken as the level in force at the date of the abandonment of the Gold Standard).

It is important that the reasons why the course of sterling exchange is a guiding factor in determining world prices should be clearly understood both here and in the Gold Standard countries.

The main reason are two. In the first place, more than half of the world is off the Gold Standard, and the currencies of more than half the world are tied, officially and intangibly, perhaps, yet tied in fact, to the British pound. When sterling falls in terms of gold the currencies of more than half the world tend to follow suit.

The second reason is that, in spite of her contraction of imports, Great Britain is the biggest single purchaser of primary commodities in the world markets, and every decline in the pound means that it is more difficult for us to buy abroad.

As every business man knows, it is in every line of commerce the biggest buyer who can most effectively influence the market price. The same influence of our purchases is exerted on all the countries which follow sterling rather than gold. As in the case of Great Britain, when their currency value falls in terms of gold, they must

lessen their purchases of primary produce from the Gold Standard countries.

No wonder, then, that the supreme desire of the financial authorities in France and America is to induce this country to return to the Gold Standard.

America is just beginning to learn the lesson that the prices which her farmers could hope to obtain for their agricultural produce cannot be raised by internal American devices, but are, to a large extent, at the mercy of the vagaries of a depreciated pound.

Trade Recovery.
Upon the rapidly with which this truth is realised by the American nation at large depends the date on which we may hope to achieve a practicable debt settlement.

So soon as it is driven home to the mind of the American nation that debt payments from Great Britain to America must tend to depress the gold value of the pound, or at least to prevent it from achieving the rise which might otherwise be possible, and also that the recovery of raw material prices is thereby frustrated, then surely they will stand as strongly for a revision of these universally burdensome payments as they do now for their maintenance. But how long will the lesson take to get right home?

Even the stoutest advocates of the payment of this December instalment realise that Britain cannot go on paying future instalments on the present scale.

Meanwhile, during the time that it will take for hard economic circumstances to teach the American people the truth, every road to trade recovery for every nation is effectively barred.

So far as Britain is concerned, there is one comfort, although it is a cold one. Having left the Gold Standard, she is able to go a very long way towards maintaining her own internal price level, even in the event of a continuation and deepening of the world crisis.

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FRENCH BROKER HONOURED.

Chevalier of Legion Of Honour.

M. J. B. MONTARGIS.

The President of France has conferred on M. Maurice Jean Baptiste Montargis, the well-known local broker and former manager of a French bank, the distinction of a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

M. Montargis was born in Paris and saw war service on the French frontier, in Salonika and Macedonia. He was twice mentioned in despatches.

During his stay in the Colony M. Montargis has been closely identified with the social activities of the French community. He has taken a great interest in educational matters, being one of the founders of the French prizes at the University and also an examiner in French. He is president of the French Library, which is situated at the Consulate and contains some 8,500 volumes.

In addition, M. Montargis is a member of the Hong Kong Club, one of the founders of the Hong Kong Sports Club, a member of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Hong Kong Rotary Club.

M. Montargis is also a keen Freemason.

Personal Para.

Mr. Charles Barry was among the passengers who arrived in Hong Kong from Kobe yesterday aboard the N.Y.K. liner Kamo Maru.

Messrs. Alfred and Richard Treloar were also passengers aboard the Kamo Maru, which arrived from Japan yesterday en route to Australia.

Will No One Stand For Britain?

"Banners Trailing In The Mire"

CRITICISM OF THE MINISTRY

(By Lord Beaverbrook.)

"The Banners of Britain are trailing in the mire."

"The group of men in this country who have been directing our financial policy in the past have been wrong, wrong, wrong!" writes Lord Beaverbrook in the Sunday Express of December 11.

They were wrong when the American debt settlement was made.

They were wrong about the return to the gold standard.

They are wrong again now shipping our gold to the Americans in payment of the debt instalment which is due on Thursday.

But the highest pitch of folly is this decision by the Ministers not to ask payment from France and Italy of their debts to us.

Squandermania.

Will no one stand for Britain? Must we as a nation go on squandering our assets because these Ministers have no courage?

It is a preposterous and intolerable situation.

What is the toll of folly of these successive Baldwin and MacDonald Ministries? We never can be quite certain which of these men wields the power. In any case, it is a matter of indifference. The deeds are the same, no matter whose the hands that do them. Their cost to us as a nation is past calculating.

But their last outrage is their greatest. They have deliberately excused France from paying us the debt instalment she owes us, although France has gold reserves amounting to about \$235 millions sterling at three dollars to the pound.

And this at a time when, according to their own Note, our gold reserve is "widely regarded as no more than sufficient for the responsibilities of London as a financial centre."

They are not morally right, and they know it, though some of them would like to give the impression that they are. Morally their position is in no way superior to mine.

They say, "We'll pay this time, but not again." In other words, they give six months' notice of their intention to take the course I advocate.

I say, "We cannot pay, and we should not pay this time."

Will the public do something to show that at last the counsels of the men who cry "Pay" are no longer tolerable?

The Ministers who think we should pay are living in a world of make-belief. The problem of world debts cannot be solved on any basis of payment.

It is easy to demonstrate.

The world owes the United States 15.5 billion dollars for investments and 11.5 billions for war debts—a total of 27 billion dollars, or 9,000 million pounds sterling. If interest were calculated on that sum at, say, 5 per cent., you would get a figure, annually payable, of 1,350 million dollars, or £450,000,000, at three dollars to the pound.

\$450,000,000 a year! All the gold in Europe, including France and Switzerland, would only suffice to make that payment of interest for about four years.

As for the British position, the facts are plain. All in high places in this country know that we had a trade deficit of £100,000,000 last year, and that we shall have a trade deficit of the same dimensions this year. There has been no improvement, so far as that is concerned.

It is true that there has been a marked decline in the visible trade deficit. But there has been a corresponding decline in the revenue we draw from what is called "invisible exports"—the insurance and shipping services we sell to foreigners, the income we derive from foreign investments.

The Problem. There has been no improvement in the trade balance. There can

not be any improvement until we produce at home articles—above all foodstuffs—which now we buy from abroad.

The real problem before us is not that of finding money to pay the debt. It is that of finding money to provide foodstuffs. It may be a very grave problem yet.

We are not far from the time when inability to pay—sheer lack of cash—will compel us to produce our own food at home and to find our raw materials within the Empire.

For three years I have been advocating the pressing necessity for pursuing this policy. For ten years I have been condemning the American debt settlement and the gold standard. And all this time I have been ridiculed and abused by these public men. Give me a hearing now.

The American debt instalment is a secondary issue compared with the grave riddle of bread.

The United States must come to recognise the position. She is dependent upon us. However reluctant her people and their legislators may be to do so, the pressure of inexorable economic facts will force a change of attitude.

There are most compelling reasons, which can be quickly disclosed. The United States must sell to us certain raw materials which cannot be utilised by them. Some of her essential raw materials have no outlet for a great proportion of their surplus production but this country.

According to figures given in an American book, "War Debts and World Prosperity," by Harold G. Moulton and Leo Pasvolovsky, their cotton export market represents 54 per cent. of production, tobacco 41 per cent., copper 36 per cent., and kerosene 34 per cent.

Peril To U.S.

These producers of raw materials, and many others in the United States, would be completely disorganised if they lost their market in this country. They would be brought to ruin. That is an argument which the Americans must listen to now or later.

As for us, we must do everything we can to sustain Mr. Neville Chamberlain, if he is really against the payment of this debt.

I am told he is. But I know nothing about it. My information may not be correct.

If it is true, I suppose he is not unwilling to say so. Bonar Law did not hesitate to say he was against the American debt settlement, although he was forced by Mr. Baldwin to concur in the payment.

Above all things, we must turn our backs on those men who are responsible for the mad, bad policy of the past.

That is our task!

BRAZIL PROHIBITS COFFEE PLANTING.

3-Year Ban To Prevent Over-Production.

(Reuter's Special Mail Service).

Rio De Janeiro.

With 18,000,000 sacks of coffee on hand and the present crop exceeding anticipated exports, President Getulio Vargas has issued a decree prohibiting the planting of coffee throughout Brazil for the next three years.

Not only planting is prohibited, but replanting on abandoned farms as well. The decree was issued in the hope that it will put a stop to over-production and prevent an increase in the already heavy surplus. It supplements previous restrictions. Over a period of several months, 10,400,000 sacks of coffee have been destroyed.

News In Brief.

Two cases of small pox (one imported), one case each of diphtheria, and two cases of meningitis were notified to the Health Authorities on Thursday.

SPECIAL DAY AT D.B.S.

Good Progress Shown In Year's Work.

BISHOP HALL WELCOMED.

The rapid progress achieved by the School during the past year, as reflected in the high standard of success set in the University examinations and in the marked esprit de corps prevailing, was a feature brought out in the formal proceedings at the Diocesan Boys' School yesterday, which took on the double character of Speech Day and a welcome reception for the Rt. Rev. Ronald Hall, Bishop of Victoria, and parents and friends of the institution.

The ability of the new Headmaster, Mr. C. B. R. Sargent, in having within the comparatively short time that he had taken charge brought about a marked change for the better in the life and work of the School was the subject of eulogistic reference in both the Report of the Inspector of Schools (Mr. A. O. Brann) and in the different addresses yesterday by distinguished speakers.

Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., presided, members of the School Committee present being Bishop Hall (Chairman), Hon. Sir William Shenton, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Professor L. Forster, Very Rev. Dean Swann, Rev. W. Walton Rogers, Rev. N. V. Halward, Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. E. H. Williams, Mr. Chau Yue-teng, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. P. S. Cassidy (Hon. Secretary) and the Headmaster.

Winners of Scholarships for 1932. The Ho Kom Tong Scholarship, awarded on the results of the Matriculation examination:—

M. Drysdale.

The Piercy Scholarships, awarded on the results of the Junior Local examinations:—

Poon Yuk-pui.

Lui Kwai-to.

Tseung Ying-kay.

The Chan Kai-ming and Arthur Scholarships, awarded on the school examinations to the three best boys in Class 3:—

David Mok.

Leung Kew-wai.

Leung Che-cheung.

The Woo Hay-tong Scholarships, awarded on the results of Chinese work to the three best boys in each of Classes 6, 7 and 8:—

Class 6:—Wong Yew-sun, Moo Ping-koon, and E. Fisher.

Class 7:—Li Bing-cheung, Lee Chun-tat and Chan Kwong-fai.

Class 8:—W. Mok, Leung Yuen-kwong and Wong Buck-choy.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.

Third Annual Meeting Yesterday.

Col. C. D. Myles presided at the third Annual Meeting of St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong which took place yesterday at the Hong Kong Hotel. Among those present were Sir Joseph Kemp, Prof. F. A. Redmond, Mr. M. G. O'Connor, Capt. P. T. Mahoney, Mr. E. H. Williams, Mr. R. H. D. Wade, Mr. F. P. R. James, Mr. J. Horsford and Mr. E. H. C. Hallows.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts were adopted. The election of officers then followed and resulted in the appointment of the following members to the Committee:—Professor F. A. Redmond, Mr. B. H. C. Hallows, Mr. J. Horsford, Mr. F. P. R. James, Mr. T. Murphy, Dr. G. W. Pope, Mr. R. H. D. Wade and Commander MacCarten. In addition to the above the following will serve on the committee, having been elected last year:—Sir Joseph Kemp, Colonel C. D. Myles, Capt. P. T. Mahoney, Mr. G. P. Murphy, Mr. M. G. O'Connor and Mr. E. H. Williams.

HONESTY REWARDED

(Reuter's Special Mail Service).

Honesty may be the best policy but Emory Tower doubts it. A gentleman gave him a reward for his honesty in handing over \$20 which he had found.

The reward was a cheque for \$1, good in every respect except that the bank it was drawn on has been closed for six months.

To-Day's Short Story.

THE UNPRINCIPLED AFFAIR OF THE PRACTICAL JOKER

By Dorothy L. Sayers.

THE ZAMBESI, they said, was expected to dock at six in the morning. Mrs. Ruyslaender booked a bedroom at the Magnificat with despair in her heart. A bare nine hours and she would be greeting her husband. After that would begin the sickening period of waiting—it might be days, it might be weeks, possibly even months—for the inevitable discovery.

The reception-clerk twirled the register towards her. Mechanically, as she signed it, she glanced at the preceding entry:—

"Lord Peter Wimsey and valet—London—Suite 24."

Mrs. Ruyslaender's heart seemed to stop for a second. Was it possible that, even now, God had left a loophole? She expected little from Him—all her life He had shown Himself a sufficiently stern creditor. It was fantastic to base the faintest hope on this signature of a man she had never even seen.

Yet the name remained in her mind while she dined in her own room. She dismissed her maid presently, and sat for a long time looking at her own haggard reflection in the mirror. Twice she rose and went to the door—then turned back, calling herself a fool. The third time she turned the handle quickly and hurried down the corridor, without giving herself time to think.

A large golden arrow at the corner directed her to Suite 24. It was 11 o'clock, and nobody was within view. Mrs. Ruyslaender gave a sharp knock on Lord Peter Wimsey's door, and stood back,

waiting, with a sort of desperate relief one experiences after hearing a dangerous letter thump the bottom of the pillar-box. Whatever the adventure, she was committed to it.

The man-servant was of the imperturbable sort. He neither invited nor rejected, but stood respectfully upon the threshold. "Lord Peter Wimsey?" murmured Mrs. Ruyslaender.

"Yes, madam."

"Could I speak to him for a moment?"

"His lordship has just retired, madam. If you will step in I will inquire."

Mrs. Ruyslaender followed him into one of those palatial sitting-rooms which the Magnificat provides for the wealthy pilgrim. "Will you take a seat, madam?"

The man stepped noiselessly to the bedroom door and passed in, shutting it behind him. The lock, however, failed to catch, and Mrs. Ruyslaender caught the conversation.

"Pardon me, my lord, a lady has called. She mentioned no appointment."

MONDAY'S STORY.

Monday's story will be "According to Plan," by Brandon Fleming.

ment, so I considered it better to acquaint your lordship." "Excellent discretion," said a voice. It had a slow, sarcastic intonation which brought a painful flush to Mrs. Ruyslaender's cheek. "I never make appointments. Do I know the lady?"

"No, my lord. But—hem—I know her by sight, my lord. It is Mrs. Ruyslaender."

"Oh, the diamond merchant's wife. Well, find out tactfully what it's all about, and unless it's urgent, ask her to call to-morrow."

The valet's next remark was inaudible, but the reply was: "Don't be coarse, Bunter."

The valet returned. "His lordship desires me to ask you, madam, in what way he can be of service to you?"

"Will you say to him that I have heard of him in connection with the Attentive diamond case, and am anxious to ask his advice."

"Certainly, madam. May I suggest that, as his lordship is greatly fatigued, he would be better able to assist you after he has slept?"

"If to-morrow would have done, I would not have thought of disturbing him to-night. Tell him I am aware of the trouble I am giving."

"Excuse me one moment, madam."

This time the door shut properly. After a short interval Bunter returned to say, "His lordship will be with you immediately, madam," and to place a decanter of wine and a box of cigarettes beside her.

Mrs. Ruyslaender lit a cigarette, but had barely sampled its flavour when she was aware of a soft step beside her. Looking round, she perceived a young man attired in a mauve dressing-gown of great splendour, from beneath the hem of which peeped coyly a pair of primrose silk pyjamas.

"You must think it very strange of me, thrusting myself on you at this hour," she said, with a nervous laugh.

Lord Peter put his head on one side.

"Don't know the answer to that," he said. "If I say 'Not at all,' it sounds abandoned. If I say 'Yes,' it's rude. Suppose we give it a miss, what—and you tell me what I can do for you?"

Mrs. Ruyslaender hesitated. Lord Peter was not what she had expected. She noted the sleek, straw-coloured hair, brushed flat back from a rather sloping forehead, the ugly, lean, arched nose, and the faintly foolish smile and her heart sank within her.

"I—I'm afraid it's ridiculous of me to suppose you can help me," she began.

"Always my unfortunate appearance," moaned Lord Peter, with such alarming acumen as to double her discomfort. "Would it invite confidence more, if you suppose I dyed my hair black, and grew a Newgate fringe? It's very tricky, you can't think always to look as if one's name was Algy."

"Only night," said Mrs. Ruyslaender, "that's don't think anybody could possibly help." But I saw your name in the hotel book, and it seemed just a chance."

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RUGBY SIDE CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

Dr. Selby's Reply To Waseda Win.

THE Hong Kong Interport Rugby team leave for Shanghai this evening at 6 p.m. by the Fushimi Maru. They are quite confident of success. Dr. Selby, their Scottish international skipper, said, "We should be able to win in spite of Shanghai's great performance against Waseda University."

The following players are making the trip:

J. P. Whitham

J. J. Ferguson
W. H. B. Rigg
R. H. Griffiths
G. P. Lammert

M. W. Turner
J. A. R. Selby (captain)

E. Walkden
W. E. Peers
R. Cherrill
R. H. Bradford
A. P. Hall-Thompson
D. McLellan (vice-captain)
J. C. Millar

Reserve: W. R. Andrewes.

PLACE KICK LOSES THE GAME.

Taylor's Opportunity Against Waseda.

GEOFFREY MORE SCORES.

SHANGHAI were beaten by Waseda University by two goals and a penalty goal (13 pts.) to a goal and two tries (11 pts.) in a magnificent game last Saturday.

Had Taylor converted a try under the posts in the closing minutes Shanghai would have drawn with their formidable opponents who fielded four All-Japan players in their back division.

At half time Waseda led by 9 pts. to 5, Geoffrey More having scored for Shanghai and Taylor kicked the goal points. In the second half Younger scored and Pilcher added another, Taylor missing an easy kick in front of goal when the two points would have meant a draw.

The following is a comment on the Shanghai team as published in the North China Daily News:

Shanghai rose to the occasion and furnished the visitors with all the opposition they could have desired. The forwards heeled, pushed, and held their own against the Japanese pack, while in the loose, Younger, Johnston, and Pilcher were prominent.

Nozawa started a trifle unsteadily, but on warming up, he put in some excellent play, his retrieving, tackling, and running being good. Taylor was the best of the three, taking an enormous amount of work on his shoulders and tackling effectively. His running was very good and he was very forceful and hard in following up, being most unfortunate in ending probably Shanghai's outstanding performance by missing the gift conversion of Pilcher's try which would have made the game a draw. More showed his speed when scoring one of Shanghai's tries, and also was prominent with his tackling.

Bowman still is not quite at home among the senior three, but, nevertheless, he played well, and it was only Booth who failed to impress. This newcomer on the wing needs considerably more experience before he can be assured of his position, and he has the habit of tackling high.

Hubbard and Nell worked together in a manner reminiscent of past years, the former creating grand openings for his three, while Nell got the ball out exceptionally well, apart from leading his weight in the defence. The forwards deserve all credit. They adapted themselves to their op-



M. W. TURNER who will partner Dr. J. A. R. Selby and who will be the key to the Colony attack against Shanghai in the Rugby Interport.

SKIRTS AND SHORTS

How Women "Squash" Team Will Play in U.S.

London, Dec. 30. Seven women squash rackets players representing Great Britain will sail for the United States on January 25, to play a United States team, and compete in championships.

Mrs. G. Bryans Wolfe is the captain. "Five of the girls will wear skirts, one will have shorts, and I will certainly play in my usual dress—grey flannel trousers," she said.

"We have all adopted a cardigan, on which is embroidered the Union Jack, with the letters 'S.R.' in gold underneath."

"The American game differs from ours. The court is slightly smaller, the ball is larger and heavier, a heavier racket is used, and the scoring is rated at 15 aces for a game, instead of nine."

The team will take part in the American championships at Philadelphia on February 6, and afterwards in the Atlantic Coast championship at Atlantic City and the New York State tournament at Tarrytown.

The international match against America will be played in New York at the end of February. Other games will be against Boston, Philadelphia and New York.

The team is: Mrs. G. Bryans Wolfe, Miss S. Noel, Miss C. R. Fenwick, the Hon. Anne Lytton-Milbank, Miss N. Cave, Mrs. V. S. Daniell and Mrs. G. du Boulay.

TENNIS RANKING IN AMERICA.

Vines Leads Men: Mrs. Moody Omitted.

New York, Jan. 14. The United States Lawn Tennis Association to-day announced the rankings of United States players, which follow:—

- Men.**
1. Ellsworth Vines
 2. Wilmer Allison
 3. Clifford Sutter
 4. Sidney Wood
 5. Francis X. Shields
 6. Lester R. Stofen
 7. Gregory S. Mangin
 8. Keith E. Gledhill
 9. John Van Ryn
 10. David N. Jones

- Women.**
1. Helen Jacobs
 2. Mrs. Lawrence A. Harper
 3. Caroline Babcock
 4. Marjorie Morrill
 5. Josephine Crulchank
 6. Virginia Hillsary
 7. Alice Marble
 8. Marjorie Gladman Van Ryn
 9. Virginia Rice
 10. Marjorie Sacks

—United Press.

ponents' play, for in the first half they worked with an eight-man pack, but in the second half Pilcher went out as an additional half, later changing over with Taylor into the three, the latter coming up to the half position. It was Shanghai's unluckiest day from the scoring point of view.

Shanghai: T. Nozawa; G. R. More; J. C. Taylor; J. Bowman; E. Booth; E. G. Hubbard; W. D. Nell; R. B. K. Silby (captain); G. A. Johnston; J. A. E. Andrew; J. S. Ritchie; D. W. B. Murray; A. J. Kane; W. H. T. Pilcher; J. R. Younger.

TRIANGULAR GOLF INTERPORT

ALTHOUGH Hong Kong has suffered three reverses in connection with the forthcoming Golf Interport there is every reason to believe that the Colony will emerge victorious from the Triangular encounter.

The departure of A. H. Ferguson, one of the most useful players Fanning has produced, provided a severe set-back. Worse, however, was to follow as it was not long after that A. B. Stewart, the 1931 Colony champion, fell ill and had to stand down. This, however, was not the end to the sequence of misfortunes experienced by the Selectors. I. W. Shewan, one of the leading Colony golfers, sportingy stood down on the plea of lack of practice, and he will not be shaken from the belief that he might "let the side down."

COLONY CAPTAIN.

O. E. C. MARTON, the Colony skipper, will have M. W. Budd on his side during this series. In the Triangular Interport in Shanghai in 1930 Marton lost to Budd by 3 and 2. Marton has, however, improved his golf very considerably since that year. Last year he won the Jasper Clark Cup with a card of 79+80=159; came third in the Colony Championship with 81+76=157, tying with A. E. Lissaman for the best morning round, only to lose it by a decision on the last nine holes; and he defeated A. B. Stewart by 6 and 4 in the annual Society match.

COLONY CHAMPION.

M. W. BUDD, winner of the All-China Championship four years in succession—from 1925 to 1928 inclusive, and runner-up in the following two years, did not take long to make his mark on the local course. In the first competition he entered for he won the Colony Championship with a record aggregate score of 146—15 strokes better than A. B. Stewart's record of the previous year. He followed this triumph up by winning the Fanning Championship, though he was unfortunate not to be able to play A. B. Stewart in the final owing to the latter's illness, and had to be content with a walk-over. It would have been a very interesting final as Stewart had overcome L. R. Andrewes by 4 and 3 in the semi-final, and A. K. Mackenzie by 3 and 1 in the previous round. Budd was three strokes behind Marton in the Jasper Clark Cup and won his play off against Andrewes to gain second prize. His card was 79+83=162. In the Society match he overcame I. W. Shewan by 5 and 4.

SHANGHAI

T. S. M. Terrance. (Captain)

J. W. Harrison
W. H. G. Huggett
K. M. Cumming
A. V. Pattett
D. Ward Smith
P. V. Prevot

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ANDREWES IMPROVEMENT.

L. R. ANDREWES is right on top of his form. Only very recently he won the New Year Bogeys Pool with 4 up from a field of 64 entries. This was a magnificent golf from a 1 handicap player. In the Society match he vanquished A. MacFarlan by 7 and 5. His Interport record is one of consistency.

VALLEY CHAMPION.

A. E. LISSAMAN won the Valley Championship with a card of 78+84=162, leading A. B. Stewart by three strokes in a field of 47 entries. He was seventh in the Colony Championship, winning the prize for the best morning round after a tie with Marton, who, however, was beaten on the last nine holes. He was fifth in 1931 with an aggregate of 166—three strokes better than last year's figures. He was fifth in the Jasper Clark Cup with a card of 85+80=165.

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FORMIDABLE COLONY SIDE DESPITE HANDICAP.

Interport Records.

(By DIVOT.)

E. J. R. MITCHELL has taken a very dormant interest in golf since the cricket season commenced, but he is a golfer of no mean merit, having won the Shek-O Championship. He beat R. K. Hepburn by 5 and 4 in the Society match. A. K. Mackenzie has played good steady golf of late without being exceptionally brilliant at any one time. He put up a very fine fight against Lissaman in the Society match, though the scales were heavily weighted against him. T. A. Pearce is a scratch golfer just out from Home. He has been very impressive while practising at Fanning, possessing a very fine style. It came as a great disappointment that he was unable to play in the Society match owing to illness. He is another cricketer-golfer.

IT is not yet known how the Hong Kong players will be paired off, though it appears that the following successful partnership in the Society match may be renewed:

M. W. Budd and O. E. C. Marton, who beat I. W. Shewan and A. B. Stewart by 3 and 2.
L. R. Andrewes and A. E. Lissaman, who beat A. MacFarlan and A. K. Mackenzie by 4 and 3.

HONG KONG

O. E. C. MARTON
L. R. ANDREWES
M. W. BUDD
A. E. LISSAMAN
A. K. MACKENZIE
E. J. R. MITCHELL
T. A. PEARCE

HOW THEY FARED.

THIS is how the players have fared in Interport singles encounters since 1924:

	P.	W.	L.	H.
O. E. C. Marton	6	2	4	0
L. R. Andrewes	8	5	1	2
M. W. Budd	9	7	1	1
A. E. Lissaman	1	0	1	0
A. K. Mackenzie	2	1	1	0
E. J. R. Mitchell	1	0	0	1
W. H. G. Huggett	2	2	0	0
K. M. Cumming	2	1	1	0
A. V. Pattett	4	1	2	1
P. H. Prevot	2	2	0	0
C. R. E. Mason	11	3	7	0
T. D. E. Pendered	1928	1	0	0

In his game against T. D. E. Pendered in 1928 Mason developed an old injury and was forced to stop playing at the 18th when Pendered led one up. The match, however, did not count in the total.

TERRANCE, the Shanghai skipper, is a very steady player without many trophies out East to his credit. He has not played Interport golf in the last eight years, but his experience at Home has earned for him the captaincy of a team of useful invaders.

Pettit, the Shanghai Golf Club champion, is a steady player but a very steady one. Kenneth Cumming, the Hungjiao Golf Club champion, is another player of the steady type. He was also runner-up in the All-China Championship last year. J. W. Harrison is the holder of the All-China Championship for the last two years, and looks like being Shanghai's No. 1 with Terrance No. 2 and Cumming No. 3. Huggett is an unorthodox player, but he is a difficult opponent to beat. Ward Smith is an erratic player who has moments of exceptional brilliance. Prevot is another of the steady type.

VERY little is known of the Manila team. Mason is a veteran Interporter, having played in no fewer than eleven encounters since 1924. He has lost his former prowess, but his experience should prove a great asset to his team. Should his son turn out to be a chip of the old block, he is going

CUMMING REPLACED BY G. A. BEUSN.

K. M. Cumming is unable to travel with the Shanghai golf team. G. A. Beusn has taken his place.

to prove a formidable opponent. It is difficult to forecast in regard to Manila owing to insufficient data, but it is almost certain Fanning's colours will not be lowered as far as Shanghai is concerned.

L. R. ANDREWES has beaten K. A. Cumming by 3 and 2, and J. R. H. Mason by 5 and 4 in Interport encounters, while W. H. G. Huggett has beaten Mason by 8 and 7, also in an Interport.

HONG KONG v. SHANGHAI. THE following have been the results of Interport matches between Hong Kong and Shanghai since 1924:

1924—Shanghai 5 Hong Kong 5 (Played at Kiangwan, Shanghai, in October)
1926—Hong Kong 1 Shanghai 10 (Played at Fanning in February)
1926—Shanghai 4 Hong Kong 4 (Played at Kiangwan, Shanghai, in October)
1926—Shanghai 5 Hong Kong 4 (Replay over 18 holes)
1928—Hong Kong 3 Shanghai 6 (Played at Fanning in January)
1928—Shanghai 8 Hong Kong 1 (Played at Kiangwan, Shanghai, in October)
1930—Hong Kong 5 Shanghai 4 (Played at Fanning in February)
1930—Shanghai 6 Hong Kong 0 (Played at Kiangwan, Shanghai, in October)
* Triangular Interport

HONG KONG v. MANILA.

THE following have been the results of Interport matches played between Hong Kong and Manila since 1924:

1924—Hong Kong 11 Manila 0 (Played at Fanning in October)
1925—Manila 8 Hong Kong 4

MANILA

J. R. H. Mason. (Captain)
J. Mason Jr.
J. R. MacFla.
A. Gibbs.
Capt. Ednie.
N. S. Wotherpoon.
H. P. L. Jolye.

(Played at Calocan, Manila, in October)

1926—Hong Kong 8 Manila 4 (Played at Fanning in February)
1927—Manila 10 Hong Kong 2 (Played at Calocan, Manila, in October)
1928—Hong Kong 7 Manila 3 (Played at Fanning in January)
1929—Manila 8 Hong Kong 4 (Played at Calocan, Manila, in February)
1930—Hong Kong 10 Manila 2 (Played at Fanning in February)
1930—Hong Kong 5 Manila 6 (Played at Kiangwan in October)
* Triangular Interport

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1926—Shanghai 10 Manila 2 (Played at Fanning in February)
1926—Shanghai 1 Manila 3 (Played at Fanning in January)
1930—Shanghai 7 Manila 5 (Played at Fanning in February)
1930—Shanghai 10 Manila 0 (Played at Kiangwan in October)
* Triangular Interport

HONG KONG INTERPORTERS.

THE following have represented Hong Kong against Shanghai since 1924:

A. H. Ferguson—1924*, 1926, 1928*, 1928*
I. W. Shewan—1924*, 1926, 1926*, 1930
R. A. Camidge—1924*
Capt. Bennett—1924*
A. K. Mackenzie—1924*
N. L. Smith—1924*, 1926*, 1930*
R. M. Smith—1926*
W. Douglas—1926*
H. V. Ireland—1928
L. R. Andrewes—1926, 1926*, 1928, 1930



INTERPORT ROWING TEAM LEAVE

Manila Preparing For Next Saturday.

THE CANTON REGATTA.

THE Colony Interport Rowing team left for Manila by the Kamo Maru this morning at 11 a.m.

The Yacht Club are returning the visit made by the Manila oarsmen last April and are being represented by the following:

G. S. D. Heywood (Bow)
K. Knudson (No. 2)
C. B. Easterbrook (No. 3)
H. W. Dulle (Stroke) (Captain)
I. G. Allison (Cox).

The races will be held a week to-day in order to allow the Hong Kong team to settle down to Manila conditions.

The Yacht Club's crew has been training with a considerable amount of vigour for many weeks past and have now attained to a standard of oarsmanship above the average for these tropical climes.

It will be recalled that the Manila Boat Club sent a four to Hong Kong last April to compete against the Yacht Club and the Canton Rowing Club in a triangular regatta at North Point. Manila were successful in the fours beating the Yacht Club by half a length, but were beaten by the Club by two feet in an excellent pair-oared race.

For the forthcoming regatta at Manila, the Manila crew will be made up as follows: (Bow), J. E. Rankin, (No. 2), G. M. Reyello, (No. 3), N. Limbey, (Stroke), J. G. M. Landen, (Cox), J. F. C. Kingsley. Their crew contains three of those who raced here last April.

In Landen, their stroke, the Manila four have a great asset. "Fish" has a formidable list of victories at home to his credit including a win in the coxless fours at the 1928 Olympic Regatta.

At the moment the Yacht Club four are a much more likely combination than the crew that they put out last April, and appear to be the best crew that the Club has turned out for a number of years.

If their period of practice on Manila waters enables them to get accustomed to the lighter boats used in the river, they should be able to give Manila a very good race.

Haywood and Knudson are both newcomers to rowing in Hong Kong, the latter being a very promising oarsman of excellent physique.

DULLEY'S VALUE.

Easterbrook, although somewhat light to row No. 3, is nevertheless putting in excellent work.

Dulley, the stroke, does not possess the same experience at that position as his opposite number, but he has raced for several seasons at home with the Thames Rowing Club, and provides a solid amount of motive power, even if it is not applied in the classic Etonian style.

The Pair-oared race should be distinctly interesting since the crews (Limbey and Landen versus Easterbrook and Dulley) are exactly the same as last April, when the latter won by two feet.

Here again it will be a question whether the visitors can become acclimatised to the attending conditions, in which case a close struggle should be again witnessed.

CANTON REGATTA.

The Canton Rowing Club have invited the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club to a regatta at Canton on Saturday, February 11, when there will be four-oared and pair-oared races for Senior, Junior and Novice oarsmen.

The Yacht Club will be represented in the senior class by their Manila crew, and a further crew of senior oarsmen who were unable to make the trip to Manila, while the Junior and Novice fours have recently been strengthened by the welcome addition of some distinctly lusty-looking gunners from Lympoon.

9 FOR 18

Yorkshire Bowler Dies At Burnley.

ROSSALL SCHOOL COACH.

Tom Wardall, the veteran cricketer and cricket coach, has died at Burnley, aged 70.

A sparkling batsman in his day, Wardall played for Yorkshire for eight years under the captaincy of the Hon. M.B.—afterwards Lord—Hawke, and always stood high in the averages.

He could bowl also, and against Surrey in 1893 took 9 for 18. F. S. Jackson, George Ulyett and John Tunnicliffe were contemporaries of Wardall.

After leaving the county in 1894, Wardall became professional for Colne, in the Lancashire League, and later was with Nelson.

He became coach at Rossall School in 1900, and held the post for 30 years.

T. D. E. Pendered—1926*, 1928
Capt. Morris—1926*
Capt. Bloxham—1928
L. G. S. Dodwell—1928, 1928*, 1930

Capt. Erskine—1928
Murray—1928
O. E. C. Marton—1928*, 1930, 1930*

A. E. Lissaman—1928*
F. E. Redmond—1928*
C. C. Stark—1928*
Wrigley—1930

Lawrence—1930, 1930*
I. Newton—1930*

AGAINST MANILA
A. B. Stewart—1924
I. W. Shewan—1924, 1926, 1929*, 1930

A. H. Ferguson—1924, 1926, 1930*

R. A. Camidge—1924
Capt. Bennett—1924, 1927*
E. J. R. Mitchell—1924

N. L. Smith—1925*, 1929*, 1930*
C. Bulmer Johnson—1925*
W. Douglas—1925*, 1926

J. M. Walker—1925*
L. R. Andrewes—1925*, 1928, 1929*, 1930

D. G. Bruce—1925*
R. M. Smith—1926

T. D. E. Pendered—1926, 1928
A. K. Mackenzie—1926
Capt. Erskine—1927*, 1928
Capt. Bloxham—1927*, 1928, 1929*, 1930

C. C. Stark—1927*
Lt. Comdr. Brown—1927*
F. J. de Rome—1927*

L. G. S. Dodwell—1928, 1930
R. Murray—1928
O. E. C. Marton—1929*, 1930, 1930*

H. G. Sheldon—1929*
Wrigley—1930, 1930*
Lawrence—1930*

* denotes player travelled to rival port

INTERPORT ARRANGEMENTS.

THE following are the proposed arrangements:—

Wednesday, January 25.—Hong Kong v. Shanghai, singles, 10.30 a.m. Old Course, 2 p.m. New Course.

Thursday, January 26.—Hong Kong v. Manila, 4 balls, 10.15 a.m. Course, 1 p.m. New Course.

Friday, January 27.—Hong Kong v. Manila, singles, 9.30 a.m. Old Course, 1 p.m. New Course.

Saturday, January 28.—Shanghai v. Manila, singles, 9 a.m. New Course, 12.30 p.m. Old Course.

Sunday, January 29.—Hong Kong v. Shanghai, foursome, 9.30 a.m. New Course, 1 p.m. Old Course.

Monday, January 30.—Manila v. Shanghai, 4 balls, a.m. New Course, p.m. Old Course.

Monday, January 30.—Inter-Club Golf Dinner, Gloucester Building, 8 p.m. for 8.30.

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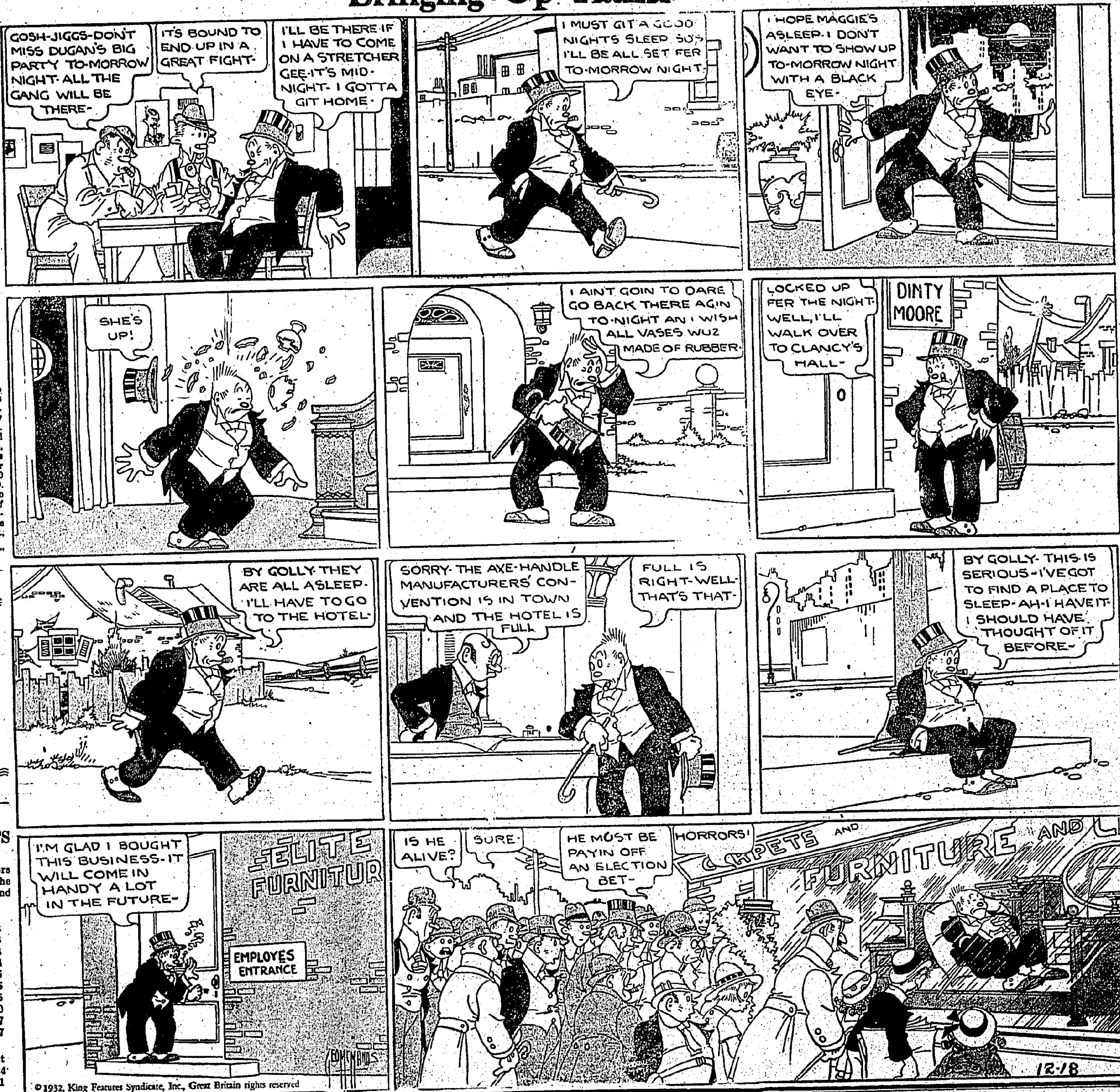
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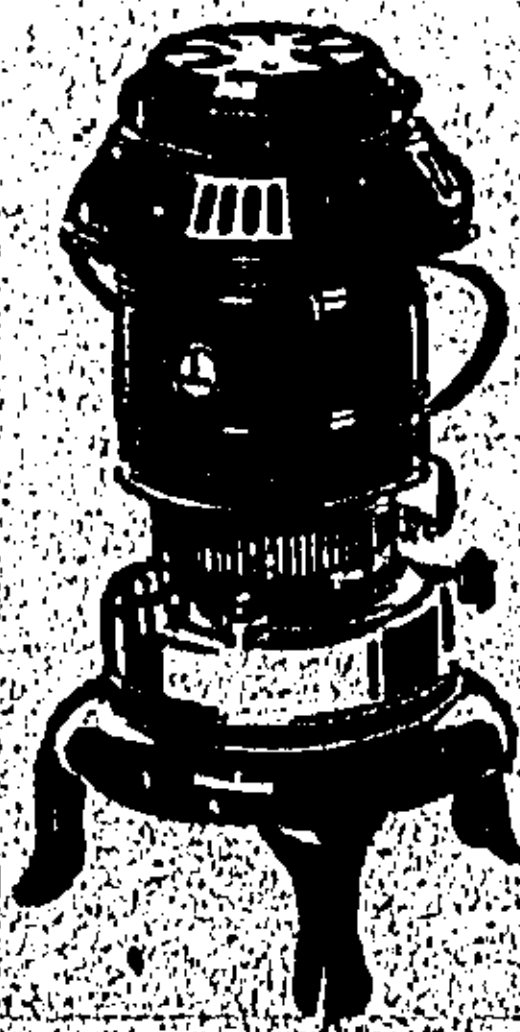
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ROUND THE CAMP FIRE

(By Patrol Leader.)

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the Boy Scouts Association will be held on Tuesday, February 7, commencing at 5.30 p.m. His Excellency Sir William Peel, Chief Scout of the Colony, will preside over the meeting. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of all those interested in the movement. The meeting, it is understood, will be held at the Sandilands Hut, the new Headquarters of the Girl Guides. It is remembered that the Boy Scouts meeting last year was held at the City Hall.

Mr. J. J. Ferguson, who has been selected to play for Hong Kong against Shanghai in the Interport rugby match in the Northern port, is Scoutmaster of the 7th Hong Kong (King's College) Group of Boy Scouts. Congratulations are extended to both Mr. Ferguson and the Troop!

Jimmy Winyard, who has been in hospital recently with an injured collar bone, is about again, and was present at last Thursday's weekly meeting of the 1st Kowloon Troop. His right arm was in a sling, and he took charge of a small party of signallers.

Boy Scout troops have been organised on the reservation in the Navajos. Troop No. 30, attached to the Western Navajo Indian

School at Tuba City, recently held a court of honour, at which ten derfoot badges were awarded a number of members. In attendance also were Scout masters and Scouts from troops at Leupp and Keams Canyon.

Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, has awarded the Cornwell Scout Decoration to Wallace Kinnaird aged 18, the Acting Assistant Scoutmaster of the Robert Louis Stevenson Boy Scout Group of Toronto. The Robert Louis Stevenson Group is entirely composed of patients at the Sick Children's Hospital, Thistlethorn, Ontario, and Kinnaird is the first Special Tests Scout to receive the Cornwell Badge for "courage, capability and character."

GIRL GUIDE NOTES

The Girl Guide movement has been much in evidence at local prize-givings. Lady Pollock, who distributed the prizes at the St. Stephen's Girls' College during the week, is a member of the Local Association.

A glowing tribute to the work done by Mrs. Bird and Miss Sung in the formation of a Guide troop

at the Victoria Home and Orphanage, Kowloon City, was paid by Mrs. W. T. Southern, Colony Commissioner, when she gave away the awards at the annual prize-day of the Home. Mrs. Southern complimented the two Officers for the progress attained by the Troop, and urged that every girl should join.

In her annual report of the Beilios Girls' Public School Mrs. G. Stubbings made pleasing reference to the splendid work done by Mrs. Cressey, Miss D. Lopez, who is Lieutenant of the School Troop, and Miss G. Choa, who has charge of the Brownies. The Beilios Brownie Pack won the Totem Pole, at present number 24, while the Guides are 45 at full strength.

Mr. W. B. A. Moore, a Vice-President of the Guides Association returned from England, accompanied by Dr. Moore, last week.



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The Wendy Hut.

Long Ago Stories The True Story Of Arthur Earl Of Richmond

The second wife of King Henry 4th was the beautiful Joanna of Navarre, the young widow of the Duke of Bretagne, and she had eight children when she became Queen of England. Now Joanna's second son, Arthur, was a very beautiful little boy who loved his mother dearly. King Henry took a great fancy to him and wished him to be brought up at his court.



"Twelve years since last we met," murmured the lady in the chair.

but the French would not allow this. However, when the little Prince was twelve years old, he came to England on a visit to his mother, and with great pomp and ceremony King Henry created him Duke of Richmond. The handsome French boy enjoyed the holiday tremendously, but soon he was obliged to return to his own land.

"I will never forget you, my mother," wept the young earl when he was saying good-bye. "When I am a man I will return to this country, for am I not Earl of Richmond?"

So Arthur went back to France, little dreaming how he would return to England.

Soon afterwards, Henry 4th died, and his son Henry 5th became King. Queen Joanna then found herself in a difficult position, for after a time her step-son made war on France, and at last came the great battle of Agincourt. Arthur, Earl of Richmond, fought against Henry 5th and was taken prisoner.

It was exactly twelve years since Arthur had visited England in pomp and glory, and when he returned as a poor prisoner he was exceedingly sad. He begged that he might be allowed to see his mother before going to captivity. This request was granted, and, battle-stained and weary, the handsome young Earl was taken into Joanna's presence. He looked round the beautiful room, and, seeing a magnificently-dressed lady seated in the chair of state, he fell on his knees before her and kissed her hand.

"Twelve years since last we met," murmured the lady in the chair. "But I have never forgotten you," whispered Arthur.

Then the lady told him to salute her court, and Arthur went to each lady in turn. At last he came to a very sately lady standing near the door, and she suddenly flung out her arms and cried: "Unhappy son, do you not know me?"

For a moment Arthur was amazed. Then he recognised his mother and clasped her in his arms. "I placed one of my ladies in my chair to see if you could be misled," said Joanna. "Alas! Twelve years is such a long time that I forgive you your mistake."

Then she gave the young man a bag of gold and a quantity of beautiful clothes. And Arthur, Earl of Richmond, went calmly into captivity in the land where his beautiful mother was called the Witch Queen.

OUR SWEET-MAKING CORNER.

Raisin Candy.

This is really a delicious fruit fudge, quite easy to make. Throw one pound of seedless raisins into boiling water, take them out at once, and put them on a tin plate to dry by the fire. The raisins should not cook, but they must swell and get fairly hot.

Now put one pound of icing sugar into a saucepan with a good tablespoonful of hot water, and dissolve the sugar very slowly. Boil the syrup for five minutes, then re-

THE TOWER THAT LEANS TOO FAR!

You've all heard of the leaning tower of Pisa, I'm sure, but have you heard that it may come crashing to the ground almost any day now?

For centuries it has stood, leaning perilously over on one side, but now experts say that things have gone too far, and one more inch more, and it is now sixteen feet off balance.

The Italian Government quite naturally want the tower to remain for thousands of tourists have visited it since it was built. In fact, the steps winding up to the top of this 180 foot edifice have been worn thin by the countless feet that have trodden them!

The leaning tower of Pisa was commenced in 1174, but, because of the difficulties caused by the shifting subsoil, it was not completed until 1350, when it became the Mecca of all lovers of beautiful buildings.

Pity the poor people of Pisa if their beautiful tower falls, because they practically live by making small replicas of it, selling pictures of it, and guiding tourists over it!

LOST—A TINY ISLAND!

Has anyone seen a tiny island? It's been lost for fifteen years, but scientists are now very keen on finding it. So if you know exactly where the wee island of "Sarah Ann," situated somewhere in the Pacific Ocean, is to be found, please communicate at once with Professor Kopt of Berlin and Professor Robertson of the United States Naval Almanac office.

You may wonder why there is all this excitement over a little scrap of land in the middle of the ocean? Well, the professors have calculated that there will be a total eclipse of the sun in 1937, and that the eclipse will last for seven minutes just where "Sarah Ann" should be! This piece of land is uninhabited, or WAS uninhabited when last heard of, and it is said to be the smallest island standing on its own in the world.

Ships carefully avoid that locality, for fear of bumping into "Sarah Ann" in a fog or during the night, and it would be very expensive to organise an expedition in search of it. So it is possible that "Sarah Ann" will remain lost for ever, unless, of course, a trans-Pacific aeroplane passes that way one day and spots it from the air!

move the saucepan from the fire, add the raisins a few at a time, and beat the mixture well with a wooden spoon. When it is quite thick, drop it in little heaps on a buttered dish, and leave till quite cold.

HAVE A "DRESSING UP" PARTY!

A Tinkite who wants to have a Fancy-Dress Party, but is afraid there won't be enough pennies to buy materials for dress-making has sent an S.O.S. to the Hut Folk.

So we want to tell you about a Jolly Dressing-up Dance we had in the Hut last Christmas. It took the form of a Competition, and was such fun that I'm sure you would enjoy arranging one like it.



Three of the "costumes" that appeared at the Hut Dressing-up Party. Dress-maker explains all about them.

In one room we laid out all sorts of things that could be used to make fancy-dresses—old table-covers for cloaks, curtains for trains, coloured crepe paper, old hats, shoes, cardboard, and so on. Then each guest was allowed to take three or four things, and had to construct his or her dress then and there! Goblin Artist has sketched three of the dresses that were made up, just to give you an idea of the possibilities of the scheme.

Red Riding-Hood wore an old red table-cloth which made her cloak and hood. She kept on her ordinary frock, but made a little paper apron to go over it, and she carried a basket filled with goodies for her Grannie!

Miss Almond-Blossom wore Tink's dressing-gown, with coloured crepe-paper trimmings pinned on; then she chose a scarf for her ash, and stuck two big paper chrysanthemums behind her ear. She made her fan from cardboard, covered with crepe paper.

The Pirate (I expect you can guess who he was, can't you? Yes, it was Billikins!) wore a striped football jersey, a short frilly petticoat over his blue shorts, and a coloured scarf for a waistband into which he could stick his cardboard pistols. He had a pair of Wellingtons to suggest sea-boots, an old bolero for a waistcoat, and a spotted handkerchief tied round his head. Bits of black sticking-plaster adorned his face, as you can see.

There now, I hope you've got the idea! It really will be the greatest fun, and it's rather nice to award prizes for the best efforts—just wee things for the fun of it.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

THE GOBLIN'S COFFEE STALL



"Green Goblin will soon make his fortune, I think."

If ever you go through the Wild Wood at night, You're certain to see a red glow-worm's bright light. It hangs from the tip of a grass-tufted tail, And it shines on the Green Goblin's new Coffee Stall!

The Elves and the Fairies all come crowding round, Delighted to think that this nice place they've found. They drain acorn-cups filled with honey-sweet brew, And nibble wee cakes—just like you and I do!

The Bunnies and Squirrels, and all Woodland Folk Are customers too—and they say it's a joke. They chat and they gossip, they gobble and drink— Green Goblin will soon make his fortune, I think!

THE TINKITES' TOYSHOP.

Toys Made With Corks.

To make the little toys shown in the diagrams, you require only a few odd corks, some matchsticks, and some long pins. You will also want a sharp penknife and a small tube of glue.



Carpenter tells you how to make these queer little toys out of corks, matchsticks, pins and pieces of thin white card.

For the windmill, shown at A, take two corks, one a little larger than the other, and fix them together with a pin and a little glue. Cut the base from a thin piece of fretwood, and glue the large cork in the centre. Cut the four sails from a stiff white postcard, and glue them into slots cut in a small piece of cork. B. Bore a hole through the centre of this piece of cork so that it will revolve easily on a pin, C, driven into the top cork, as shown.

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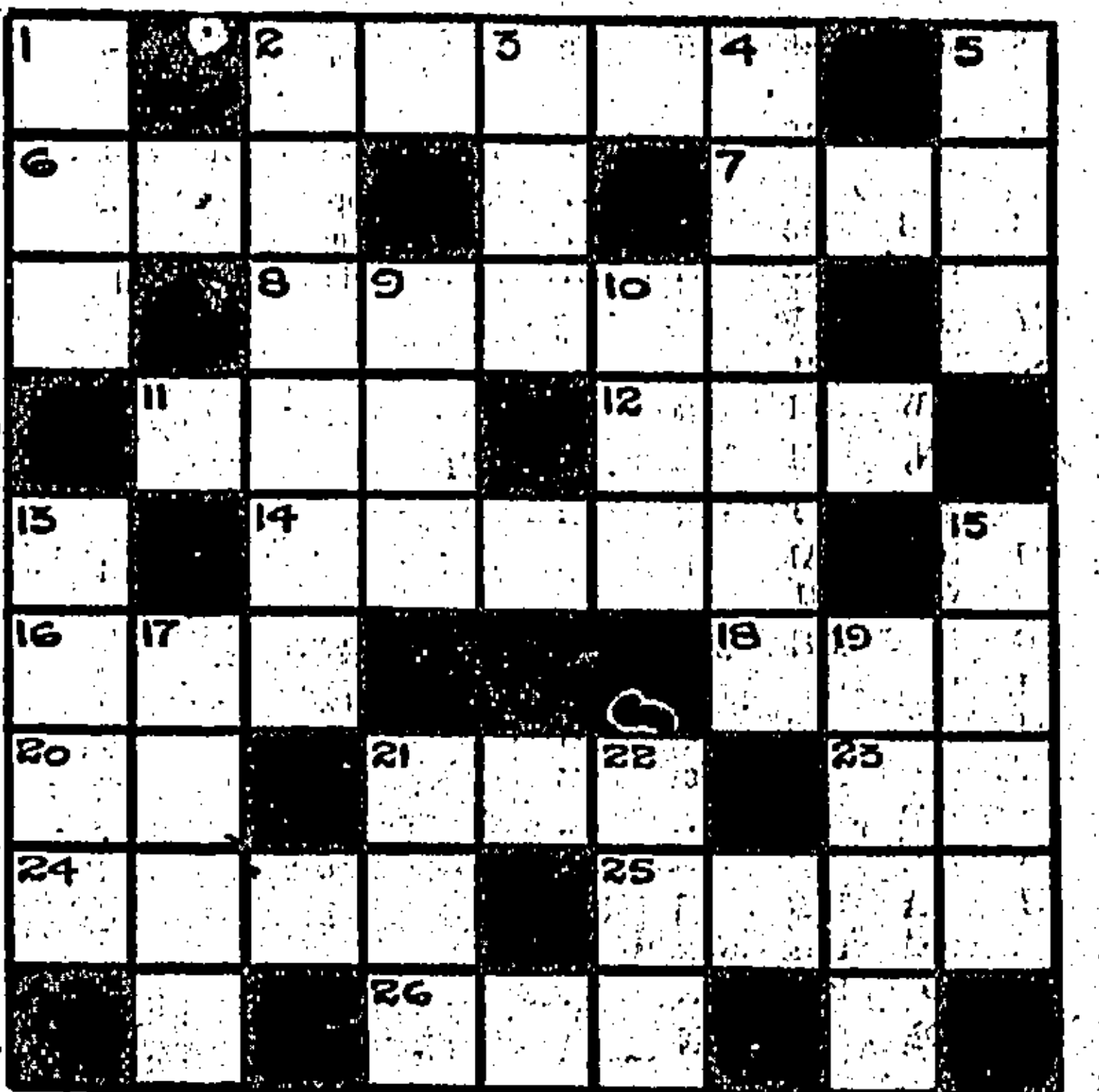
TINK'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

Solution to last week's puzzle:—

- Across.
- You spread it on No. 9 down (Butter).
 - One who hoards his money (Miser).
 - Preposition (To).
 - Natives of Arabia (Arabs).
 - Short for "etcetera" (Etc.).
 - Mud (Mire).
 - Very small portion (Atom).
 - Afternoon meal (Tea).
 - Arrives (Comes).
 - Preposition (At).
 - You draw it over the window at night (Blind).
 - Sometimes eaten at No. 15 across (Pastry).

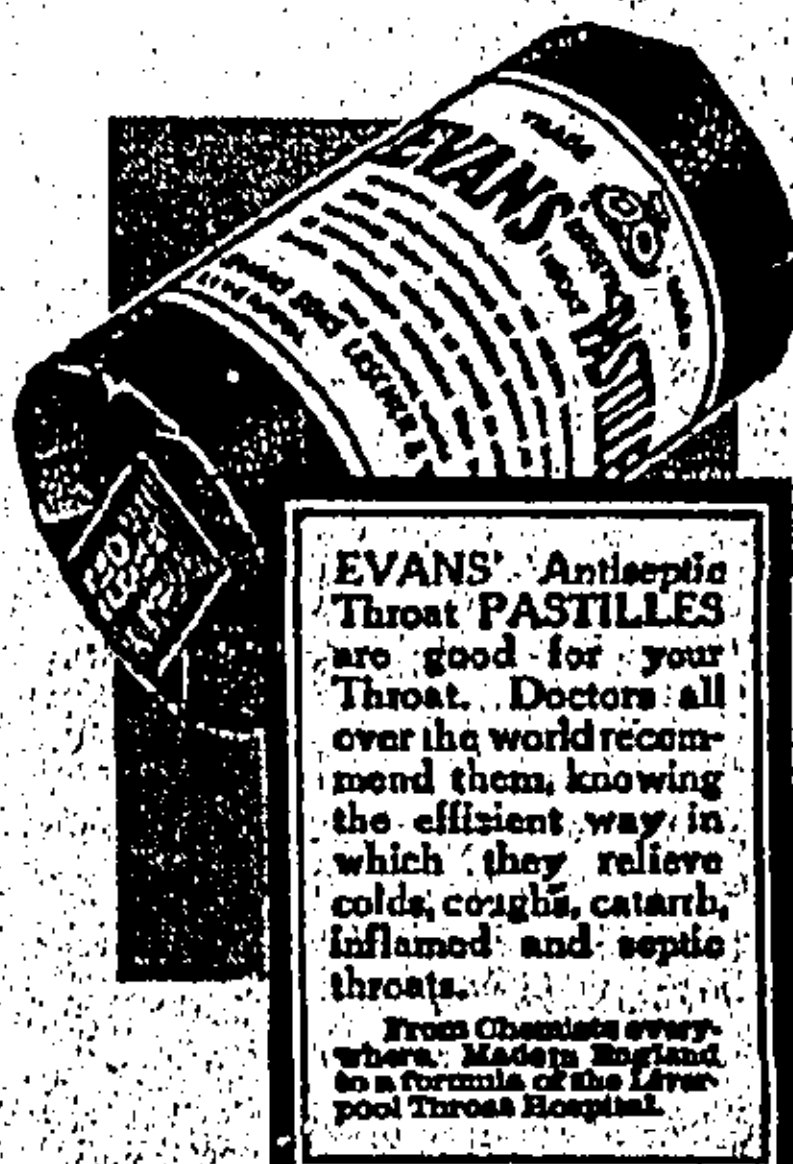
- Down.
- Prefix meaning "double" (Bi).
 - ... of America (U.S.A.).
 - Period of time at school (Term).
 - Distinguishing feature (Trait).
 - To seat again (Reseat).
 - The Tinkites' is "One, kind act every day" (Motto).
 - You drink No. 15 across from this (Teacup).
 - You eat this with No. 1 across (Bread).
 - You use these for doing your hair (Combs).
 - Sugar does this in hot tea (Melt).
 - Title (Sir).
 - Short for New York (N.Y.).

Now let's have one for the older boys and girls, shall we? I think you will find it interesting.



Clues:—

- Across.
- One of those who invaded Britain in the 5th and 6th centuries.
 - Henry 8th was sometimes called "Bluff King."
 - Roman numerals for twelve.
 - The Spanish Armada was one.
 - Part of verb "to be"
 - Allow.
 - He was King of Northumbria in the year 617.
 - Not young.
 - A colour.
 - Pronoun.
 - Also.
 - Negative prefix.
 - Cruel Roman Emperor.
 - One of the Northmen who invaded Britain in the 8th century.
 - Peas in a ...
- Down.
- Pronoun.
 - The King who burnt the cakes.
 - Childish name for a horse.
 - The dimension to which anything is extended.
 - Command.
 - Guided.
 - High Priest of the Bible.
 - King who signed the Magna Charta.
 - Queen of England from 1702 to 1714.
 - National emblem of Wales.
 - A relative.
 - Spinning toy.
 - Uneven.



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I'LL DO IT. I'LL SEE THE BOSS AND SEE IF HIS PROPOSITION IS STILL OPEN.



YES, I'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU GO ON THE ROAD. HOW SOON COULD YOU BE READY TO START? THE SOONER THE BETTER.



ANY TIME YOU SAY, SIR.

WELL, THAT'S ALL SETTLED NOW. I MUST PULL MYSELF TOGETHER. I MUST FORGET THAT I EVER LOVED ROSIE.



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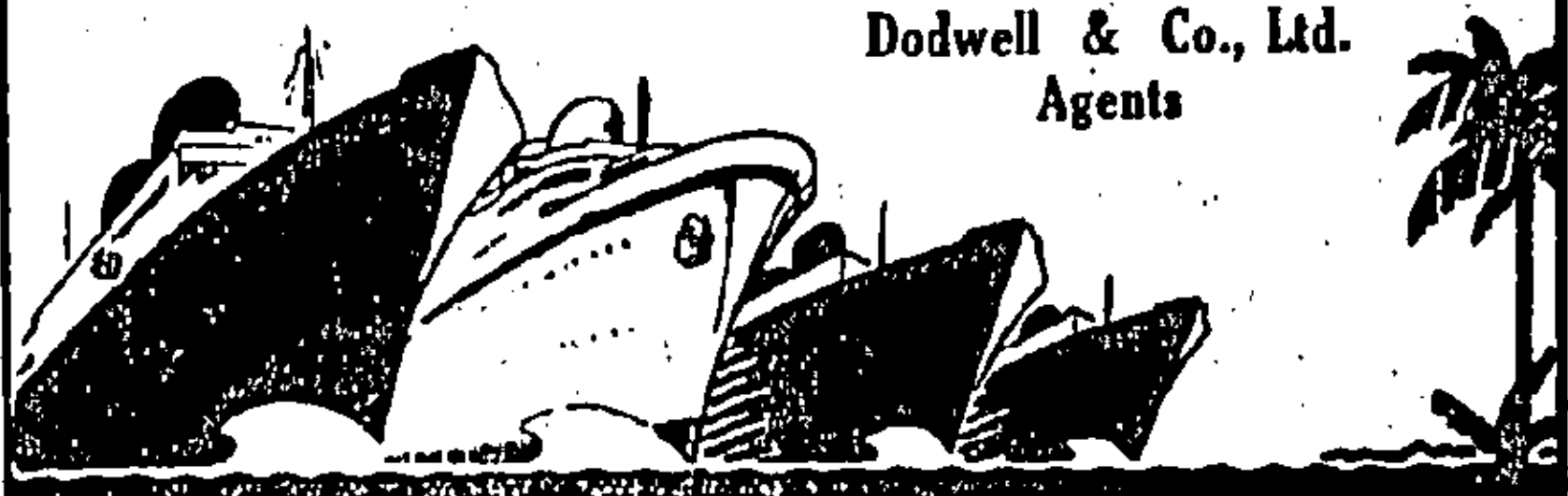
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The Unprincipled Affair of the Practical Joker

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Lord Peter filled the glasses and sat down. "Carry on," he said cheerfully; "it sounds interesting."

Mrs. Ruyslaender took the plunge. "My husband," she explained, "is Henry Ruyslaender, the diamond merchant. We came over from Kimberley ten years ago and settled in England. He spends several months in Africa every year on business, and I am expecting him back on the Zambesi to-morrow morning. Now, this is the trouble. Last year he gave me a magnificent diamond necklace of a hundred and fifteen stones."

"The Light of Africa—I know," said Wimsey. She looked a little surprised, but assented. "The necklace has been stolen from me and I can't hope to conceal the loss from him. No duplicate would deceive him for an instant."

She paused, and Lord Peter prompted gently. "You have come to me, I presume, because it is not to be a police matter. Will you tell me quite frankly why?"

"The police would be useless. I know who took it."

"Yes?"

"There is a man we both know slightly—a man called Paul Melville."

Lord Peter's eyes narrowed. "M'm, yes, I fancy I've seen him about the clubs. New army, but transferred himself into the regulars. Dark. Shrewd. Bit of an ampolopis, what?"

"Amplolopis?"

"Suburban plant that climbs by suction. You know—first year, tender little shoots—second year, fine show—next year, all over the shop. Now tell me I am rude."

Mrs. Ruyslaender giggled. "Now you mention it, he is exactly like an ampolopis. What a relief to be able to think of him as that. Well, he is some sort of distant relation of my husband's. He called one evening when I was alone. We talked about jewels, and I brought down my jewel-box and showed him the Light of Africa. He knows a good deal about stones. I was in and out of the room two or three times, but didn't think to lock up the box. After he left I was putting the things away, and I opened the jeweller's case the diamonds were in—and they had gone!"

"H'm—pretty barefaced. Look here, Mrs. Ruyslaender, you agree he's an ampolopis, but you won't call in the police. Honestly, now—forgive me; you're askin' my advice, you know—is he worth botherin' about?"

"It's not that," said the woman, in a low tone. "Oh, no! But he took something else as well. He took—a portrait—a small painting set with diamonds."

"Oh!"

"Yes. It was in a secret drawer in the jewel-box. I can't imagine how he knew it was there, but the box was an old casket, belonging to my husband's family, and I fancy he must have known about the drawer and—well, thought that investigation might prove profitable. Anyway, the evening the diamonds went the portrait went too, and he knows I don't try to get the necklace back because they'd both be found together."

"Was there something more than just the portrait, then? A portrait in itself isn't necessarily hopeless of explanation. I was given to you to take care of, say."

"The names were on it—and an inscription which nothing, nothing could ever explain away. A—a passage from Petronius."

"Oh dear!" said Lord Peter, "dear me, yes. Rather a lively author." "I was married very young," said Mrs. Ruyslaender, "and my husband and I have never got on well. Then one year, when he was in Africa, it all happened. We were wonderful—and shameless. It came to an end. I was bitter. I wish I had not been. He left me, you see, and I couldn't forgive it. I prayed day and night for revenge. Only now—I don't want it to be through me!"

"Wait a moment," said Wimsey. "You mean that, if the diamonds are found and the portrait is found too, all this story is bound to come out?"

"My husband would get a divorce. He would never forgive me—or him. It is not so much that I mind paying the price myself but—"

She clenched her hands. "I have cursed him again and again, and the clever girl who married him. She played her cards so well! This would ruin them both."

"But if you were the instrument of vengeance," said Wimsey gently, "you would hate yourself. And it would be terrible to you, because he would hate you. A woman like you couldn't stop to get your own back. I see that. If God makes a thunderbolt, how awful and enthralling—if you help to make a beastly row, what a rotten business it would be."

"You seem to understand," said Mrs. Ruyslaender. "How unusual!" "I understand perfectly. Though let me tell you," said Wimsey, "with a wry little twist of the lips, "that it's sheer foolishness for a woman to have a sense of honour in such matters. It only gives her excruciating pain, and nobody expects it, anyway. Look here, don't let's get all worked-up. You certainly shouldn't have your vengeance thrust on you by an ampolopis. Why should you? Nasty fellow. We'll have him up—root, branch and little suckers. Don't worry. Let's see. My business here will only take a day. Then I've got to get to know Melville—say a week. Then I've got to get the things—say another week, provided he hasn't sold them yet, which isn't likely. Can you hold your husband off 'em for a fortnight, d'you think?"

"Oh, yes, I'll say they're in the country, or being cleaned, or something. But do you really think you can?"

"I'll have a jolly good try, anyhow, Mrs. Ruyslaender. Is the fellow hard up, to start stealing diamonds?"

"I fancy he has got into debt over horses lately. And possibly poker." "Oh! Poker player, is he? That makes an excellent excuse for getting to know him. Well, cheer up, we'll get the goods, even if we have to buy 'em. But we won't, if we can help it. Bunter!"

"My lord?" The valet appeared from the inner room.

"Just go and give the 'All Clear,' will you?"

Mr. Bunter accordingly stepped into the passage and, having seen an old gentleman safely away to the bathroom and a young lady in a pink kimono pop her head out of an adjacent door and hurriedly pop it back on beholding him, blew his nose with a loud, trumpeting sound.

"Good night," said Mrs. Ruyslaender, "and thank you."

She slipped back to her room unobserved.

"Whatever has induced you, my dear boy," said Colonel Marchbanks, "to take up with that very objectionable fellow Melville?"

"Diamonds," said Lord Peter. "Do you find him so, really?"

"Perfectly dreadful man," said the Hon. Frederick Arbuthnot. "Hearts. What did you want to go and get him a room here for? This used to be a quite decent club."

"Two clubs?" said Sir Impey Biggs, who had been ordering a whisky, and had caught only the

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last word.

"No, no, one heart."

"I beg your pardon. Well, partner, how about spades? Perfectly good suit."

"Pass," said the colonel. "I don't know what the army's coming to nowadays."

"No trumps," said Wimsey. "It's all right, children. Trust your Uncle Pete. Come on, Freddy, how many of those hearts are you going to shout for?"

"None, the colonel havin' let me down so 'orrid," said the Hon. Freddy.

"Cautious blighter. All content? Right—ho! Bring out your dead, partner. Oh, very pretty indeed. We'll make it a slam this time. I'm rather glad to hear that expression of opinion from you, colonel, because I particularly want you and Biggy to hang on this evening and take a hand with Melville and me."

"What happens to me?" inquired the Hon. Freddy.

"You have an engagement and go home early, dear old thing. I've specially invited friend Melville to meet the redoubtable Colonel Marchbanks and our greatest criminal lawyer. Which hand am I supposed to be playin' this from? Oh, yes. Come on, colonel—you've got to hike that old king out some time, why not now?"

"It's a plot," said Mr. Arbuthnot, with an exaggerated expression of mystery. "Carry on, don't mind me."

"I take it you have your own reasons for cultivating the man," said Sir Impey.

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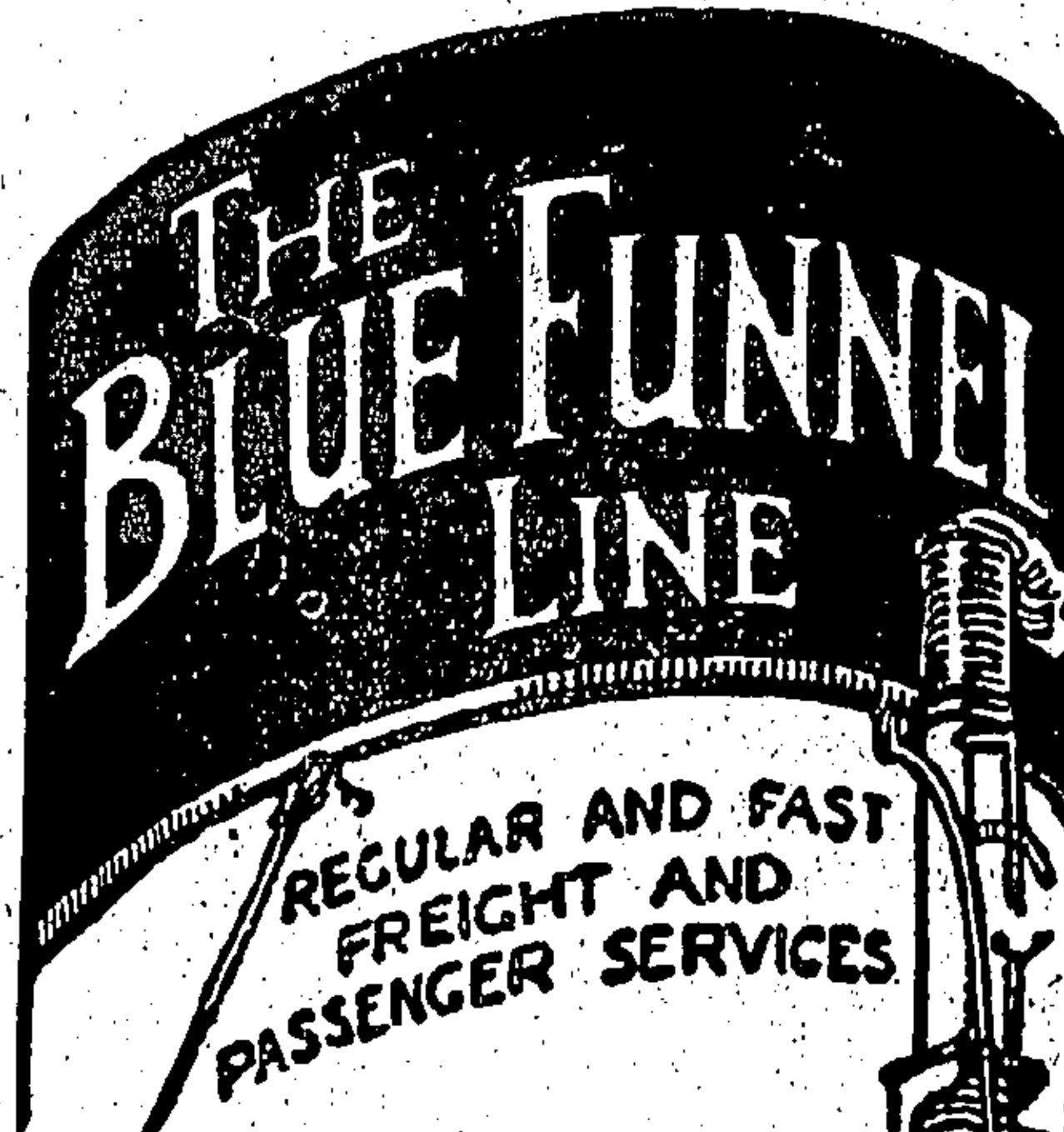
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The Unprincipled Affair Of The Practical Joker

(Continued from Page 12.)

"The rest are mine, I fancy. Well, yes, I have. You and the colonel would really do me a favour by letting Melville cut in to-night."

"If you wish it," growled the colonel, "but I hope the impudent young beggar won't presume on the acquaintance."

"I'll see to that," said his lordship. "Your cards, Freddy. Who had the ace of hearts? Oh! I had it myself, of course. Our honours."

"Hullo! Evenin', Melville!" The amplexus was rather a good-looking creature in his own way. Tall and bronzed, with a fine row of very persuasive teeth. He greeted Wimsey and Arbuthnot heartily, the colonel with a shade too much familiarity, and expressed himself delighted to be introduced to Sir Impey Biggs.

"You're just in time to hold Freddy's hand," said Wimsey, "he's got a date. Not his little paddy-paw, I don't mean—but the dam' rotten hand he generally gets dealt him. Joke."

"Oh, well," said the obedient Freddy, rising, "I s'pose I'd better make a noise like a hoop and roll away. Night-night everybody."

Melville took his place, and the game continued with varying fortunes for two hours, at the end of which time Colonel Marchbanks, who had suffered much under his partner's eloquent theory of the game, was beginning to wilt visibly.

"Wimsey yawned. 'Gettin' a bit bored, colonel? Wish they'd invent somethin' to liven this game up a bit.'"

"Oh, bridge is a one-horse show, anyway," said Melville.

"Why not have a little flutter at poker, colonel? Do you all the good in the world. What d'you say, Biggs?"

Sir Impey turned on Wimsey a thoughtful eye, accustomed to the sizing-up of witnesses. Then he replied:

"I'm quite willing, if the others are."

"Damn good idea," said Lord Peter. "Come now, colonel, be a sport. You'll find the chips in that drawer, I think. I always lose money at poker, but what's the odds so long as you're happy. Let's have a new pack."

"Any limit?"

"What do you say, colonel?"

The colonel proposed a twenty-shilling limit, Melville, with a grimace, amended this to one-tenth of the pool. The amendment was carried and the cards cut, the deal falling to the colonel.

Contrary to his own prophecy, Wimsey began by winning considerably, and grew so garrulously imbecile in the process that even the experienced Melville began to wonder whether this indescribable faculty was the cloak of ignorance or the mask of the hardened poker-player. Soon, however, he was reassured. The luck came over to his side, and he found himself winning hands down, steadily from Sir Impey and the colonel, who played cautiously and took little risk—

heavily from Wimsey, who appeared reckless and slightly drunk, and was staking foolishly on quite impossible cards.

"I never knew such luck as yours, Melville," said Sir Impey, when that young man had scooped in the proceeds from a handsome straight-flush.

"My turn to-night, yours to-morrow," said Melville, pushing the cards across to Biggs, whose deal it was.

Colonel Marchbanks required one card. Wimsey laughed vacantly and demanded an entirely fresh hand; Biggs asked for three; and Melville, after a pause for consideration, took one.

It seemed as though everybody had something respectable this time, though Wimsey was not to be depended upon, frequently going the limit upon a pair of jacks in order, as he expressed it, to keep the pot a-bolting. He became peculiarly obstinate now, throwing his chips in with a flushed face, in spite of Melville's confident air.

The colonel got out and, after a short time, Biggs followed his example. Melville, held on till the pool mounted to something under a hundred pounds, when Wimsey suddenly turned restive and demanded to see him.

"Four kings," said Melville. "Blas't you!" said Lord Peter, laying down four queens. "No holdin' this fellow to-night, is there? Here, take the ruddy cards, Melville, and give somebody else a look-in, will you?"

He shuffled them as he spoke and handed them over. Melville dealt, satisfied the demands of the other three players, and was in the act of taking three new cards for himself, when Wimsey gave a sudden

examination and shot a swift hand across the table.

"Hullo, Melville!" he said, in a chill tone which bore no resemblance to his ordinary speech. "What exactly does this mean?"

He lifted Melville's arm clear of the table and, with a sharp gesture, shook it. From the sleeve something fluttered to the table and glided away to the floor. Colonel Marchbanks picked it up and in a dreadful silence laid the joker on the table.

"Good God!" said Sir Impey. "You young blackguard!" gasped the colonel, recovering his speech. "What the hell do you mean by this?" gasped Melville, with a face like chalk. "How dare you! This is a trick—a plant!" A horrible fury gripped him. "You dare to say that I have been cheating. You liar! You filthy cheater. You put it there. I tell you, gentlemen, he cried, looking desperately round the table, 'he must have put it there.'"

"Come, come," said Colonel Marchbanks, "no good carryin' on that way, Melville. Dear me, no good at all. Only makes matters worse. We all saw it, you know. Dear, dear, I don't know what the Army's coming to."

"Do you mean you believe it?" shrieked Melville. "For God's sake, Wimsey, is this a joke or what? Biggs—you've got a head on your shoulders—are you going to believe this half-drunk fool and this doddering old idiot who ought to be in his grave?"

"That language won't do any good, Melville," said Sir Impey. "I'm afraid we all saw it clearly enough."

"I've been suspectin' this some time, y'know," said Wimsey. "That's why I asked you two to stay to-night. We don't want to make a public row, but—"

"Gentlemen," said Melville, more soberly, "I swear to you that I am absolutely innocent of this ghastly thing. Can't you believe me?"

"I can believe the evidence of my own eyes, sir," said the colonel, with some heat.

"For the good of the club," said Wimsey, "this couldn't go on, but—also for the good of the club—I think we should all prefer the matter to be quietly arranged. In the face of what Sir Impey and the colonel can witness, Melville, I'm afraid your protestation are not likely to be credited."

Melville looked from the soldier's face to that of the great criminal lawyer.

"I don't know what your game is," he said sullenly to Wimsey, "but I can see you've laid a trap and pulled it off all right."

"I think, gentlemen," said Wimsey, "that, if I might have a word in private with Melville in his own room, I could get the thing settled satisfactorily, without undue fuss."

"He'll have to resign his commission," growled the colonel.

"I'll put it to him in that light," said Peter. "May we go to your room for a minute, Melville?"

With a lowering brow the young soldier led the way. Once alone with Wimsey he turned furiously on him.

"What do you want? What do you mean by making this monstrous charge? I'll take action for libel!"

"Do," said Wimsey coolly. "If you think anybody is likely to believe your story."

He lit a cigarette and smiled lazily at the angry young man.

"Well, what's the meaning of it, anyway?"

"The meaning," said Wimsey, "is simply that you, an officer and a member of this club, have been caught red-handed cheating at cards while playing for money the witnesses being Sir Impey Biggs, Colonel Marchbanks and myself. Now, I suggest to you, Captain Melville, that your best plan is to let me take charge of Mrs. Ruyslaender's diamond necklace and portrait, and then just to trickle away quiet-like from these halls of daz-zling light—without any questions asked."

Melville leapt to his feet.

"My God!" he cried. "I can see it now. It's blackmail!"

"You may certainly call it blackmail, and theft, too," said Lord Peter, with a shrug. "But why use ugly names? I hold five aces, you see. Better chuck in your hand."

"Suppose I say I never heard of the diamonds?"

"It's a bit late now, isn't it?" said Wimsey affably. "But in that case, I'm beastly sorry and all that, of course, but we shall have to make to-night's business public."

"Damn you!" muttered Melville. "You sneering devil!"

He showed all his white teeth,

half springing, with crouched shoulders. Wimsey waited quietly, his hands in his pockets.

The rush did not come. With a furious gesture Melville pulled out his keys and unlocked his dressing-case.

"Take them," he growled, flinging a small parcel on the table; "you've got me. Take 'em and go to hell!"

"Eventually—why not now?" murmured his lordship. "Thanks frightfully. Man of peace myself, you know. Hate unpleasantness and all that." He scrutinised his booty carefully, running the stones expertly between his fingers. Over the portrait he pursed up his lips. "Yes," he murmured, "that would have made a row." He replaced the wrapping and slipped the parcel into his pocket.

"Well, good-night, Melville, and thanks for pleasant game."

"I say, Biggs," said Wimsey, when he had returned to the card-room. "You've had a lot of experience. What tactics d'you think one's justified in usin' with a black-maller?"

"Ah!" said the K.C. "There you've put your finger on Society's sore place, where the Law is helpless. Speaking as a man, I'd say nothing could be too bad for the brute. It's a crime crueler and infinitely worse in its results than murder. As a lawyer I can only say that I have consistently refused to defend a black-maller or to prosecute any poor devil who does away with his tormentor."

"I'm," replied Wimsey. "What do you say, colonel?"

"A man like that's a filthy pest," said the little warrior stoutly.

"Shootin's too good for him. I knew a man—close personal friend, in fact—hounded to death—blew his brains out—one of the best. Don't like to talk about it."

"I want to show you something," said Wimsey.

He picked up the pack which still lay scattered on the table and shuffled it together.

"Catch hold of these, colonel, and lay 'em out face downwards. That's right. First of all you cut 'em at the twentieth card—you'll see the seven diamonds at the bottom. Correct? Now I'll call 'em. Ten of hearts, ace of spades, three of clubs, five of clubs, king of diamonds, nine, jack, two of hearts. Right? I could pick 'em all out, you see, except the ace of hearts, and that's here."

He leaned forward and produced it dexterously from Sir Impey's breast-pocket.

"I learnt it from a man who shared my dug-out near Ypres," he said. "You needn't mention to-night's business, you two. There are crimes which the Law cannot reach."

THE END.

AMERICA DEPENDS ON BETTER PRICES.

(Continued from Page 6.)

The gold countries, on the other hand, if the world price level continues to fall, will be driven further and further along the path of deflation, and will inevitably suffer in consequence, increased unemployment and hardship, and reductions in the standard of living. But small satisfaction can be derived from the mere fact that Britain would be able to weather a prolongation of the storm with less acute discomfort than some other countries.

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M. TARDIEU'S VIEW.

(Reuter's Special Mail Service.)

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pletely upset world economics, ac-
cording to M. Andre Tardieu,
former Prime Minister of France,
in an interview published in "Les
Annales Politiques et Littéraires."
"When one has such failures on
the debit side," he said, "it is not
a bad idea to be more modest and
not to read lessons to suffering
humanity."
In criticism of modern govern-
mental methods, he remarked, "On
both sides of the ocean every poli-
tical debate is accompanied by a
sound of money. We should like a
few ideas, a few sentiments, a few
passions."
"Every one, in some way or an-
other, has turned his back during
the last 15 years on the lessons of
the war, on the engagements under-
taken and the responsibilities ac-
cepted," he declared in speaking of
the aftermath of the war.
"It is eminently true of Germany,
not less true of the United States,
and we ourselves (the French)
merit a similar reproach."
"Ministries nowadays don't last,"
he continued. "We never finish

Unofficials Re-appointed

(Continued from Page 1.)

H. E. the Governor has been
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Ludwig Ockermuller, provisionally
and pending the issue of His Ma-
jesty's Exequatur, as Honorary
Austrian Consul-General at Shang-
hai for Hong Kong.

Volunteer Promotions.
The transfer of Captain R. R.
Davies, of the Portuguese Company
of the Hong Kong Volunteers De-
fence Corps to the Reserve of Of-
ficers is also notified in the Gazet-
te, as are the promotions of Lieuten-
ant H. Owen-Hughes, of the Ma-
chine Gun Company and Lieutenant
S. Jarvis, M. C., of the Portuguese
Company, to the rank of Captain,
with effect from January 8 and 10,
respectively.

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has been appointed a member of the
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period of two years, as from April
9.

what we began. In six years I have
been a member of nine cabinets,
and besides being three times Prime
Minister, I have held seven different
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expected to be affected is \$26,000,-
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is a matter that treasury experts
who have studied the empire trade
preferences refuse to estimate.
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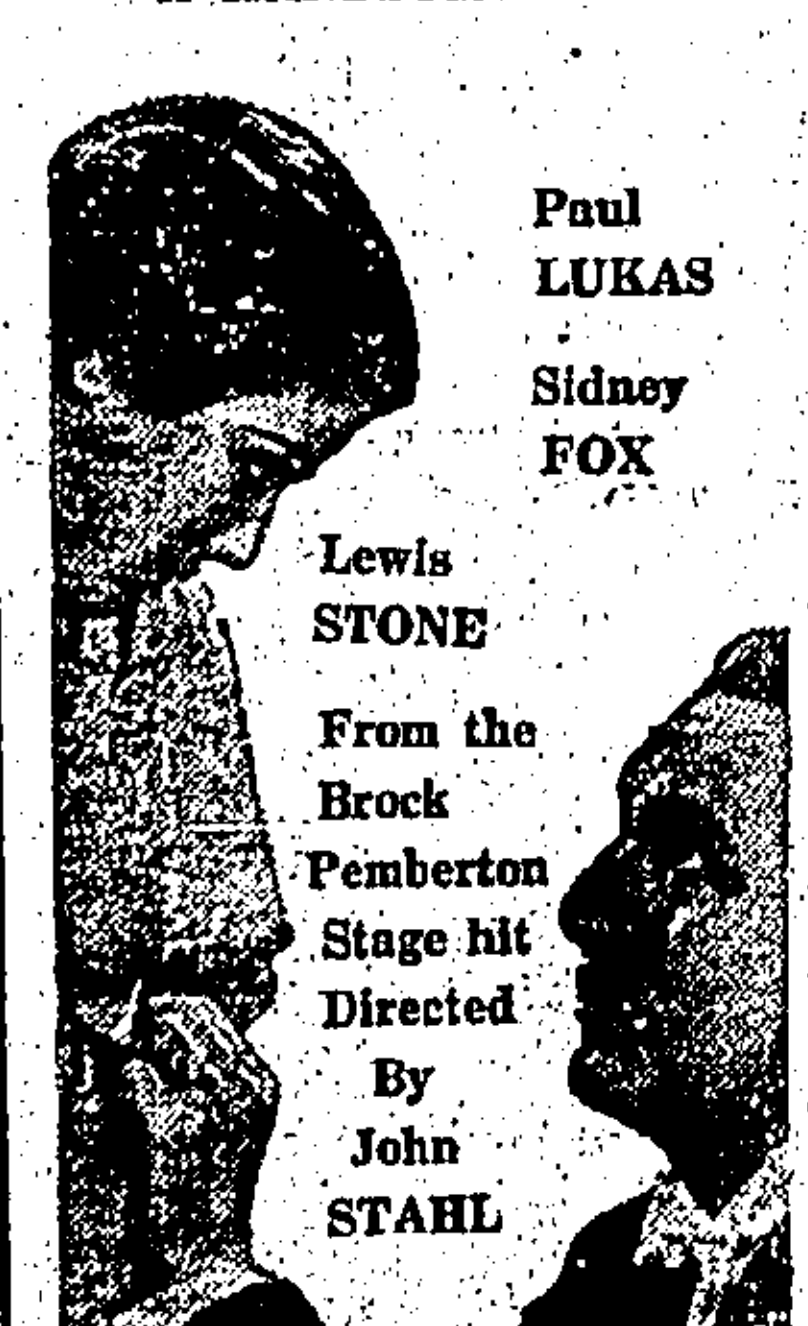
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